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AN ABRIDGED HISTORY

OF

DANIEL BLUFORD HARRISON AND
MARY ELIZABETH (JOPLIN) HARRISON

AND OF

JAMES JOHNSON (JIM) HARRISON AND
SAVANNAH ELIZABETH (DIAL) HARRISON

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Regard for Ancestry -- Daniel Webster

From Commemoration Address of the
First Settlement of New England

"There may be and there often is, indeed, a regard for ancestry which nourishes only a weak pride; as there is also a care for posterity, which only disguises an habitual avarice, or hides the workings of a low and groveling vanity. But there is also a moral and philosophical respect for our ancestors, which elevates the character and improves the heart. Next to the sense of religious duty and moral feeling, I hardly know what should bear with stronger obligation on a liberal and enlightened mind, than a consciousness of alliance with excellence which has departed; and a consciousness, too, that in its acts and conduct, and even in its sentiments, it may be actively operating on the happiness of others who come after it."

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DEDICATION

TO MY WIFE
AND TO THE MEMORY OF
MY MOTHER

FOREWORD

This book is an introduction to my Harrison ancestors, especially my late father and grandfather, Reverend Daniel Bluford Harrison. The more I know of my grandfather, the more I wish I might have had the privilege of knowing him personally as I was privileged to know my father. This book is based upon my knowledge and/or tradition gained through a widespread and prodigious search over the period of the last three years. It is not intended as an authoritative document. It will have, I trust and believe, value to those who are interested in knowing of the character, customs, activities and achievements of their forebears who helped to build our great Republic of "Liberty and Justice for All and Special Privileges to None."

The family story has been written primarily for my own children and grandchildren and their progeny. Within another year if I remain well and strong and if I can find the time, I plan to expand it so as to include for my children and their posterity the wealth of data and human interest tradition that I have obtained in my search concerning my late mother's Dial, Carder and Pickens families and concerning the Farmer, Boling and French families of my wife. The records I have of some of these families go back to the founding of the Jamestown Colony in Virginia in 1607.

My indebtedness to my wife in connection with the writing of this book is stupendous. As I say in my story, she traveled with me in the South for three solid weeks in the hot summer of this year, one of the hottest in history. She and I visited aged relatives of mine whom neither of us had ever seen before. She helped me wade through thousands of pages in dirty old record books in dingy and stuffy courthouse vaults. After the courthouses were closed at the end of the day she went with me to see and talk with all and sundry among those persons who had been cited to us as knowing a great deal about the history and the pioneer families of their areas. My dear wife's patience, bless her, in staying at home and remaining silent for hours on end night after night for weeks, while I laboriously assembled and organized pertinent data and wrote the text of this book, would put Job to shame!

The road that my father and grandfather hewed was a straight and interesting road indeed. My record of their lives is offered with the thought and hope in mind that the sign-posts they erected along the way may be of use to others in guiding them toward their goal.

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THE DANIEL BLUFORD HARRISON FAMILY

The late, universally beloved and world-famed humorist and philosopher, Will Rogers, of Oologah, Oklahoma, deflated those who take an inordinate and aristocratic pride in their family lineage when he said, "I don't understand why certain people believe that they are better than other people simply because they think some of their ancestors came over on the Mayflower. Don't they know that my folks met the boat!"

Well, Will Rogers was right. With the exception of his folks, the Indians, all of us or our American forebears were immigrants to this land. Our forefathers came to America to acquire land, to make a better living, to get out of jail and, above all, to escape oppressive debts, crushing taxation, class hatreds and religious persecution. One of their very first legal acts, thank God, was forever to provide that there should be no "Royal Class" in this country. As always, there were, no doubt, a few smug, self-complacent, blue-blooded snobs among them. But in the main, they were red-blooded patriots who loved liberty and believed in "justice for all".

All of us, however humble our circumstances or good our fortunes, have our ideas, our ideals, our whims and our idiosyncracies, call them what you will. A graveyard little bigger than a county will eventually hold us all. Whether we or our American ancestors came to this country a long time ago or recently is not a thing that is of paramount importance. What we are, what we do, what we stand for, how much we love America and the flag of this Republic and that for which they stand, are of paramount importance. They determine the degree of our Americanism and the character of our citizenship. It is with such a sense of justice and democracy, and I trust with humble pride, that I wish to write about the family of Daniel Bluford Harrison and Mary Elizabeth (Joplin) Harrison at this time. Later on I shall write specifically of my mother's parents and of her dearly beloved stepfather and their families.

On Christmas Eve night in 1925, when I was visiting my parents at their residence in Dallas, Texas, from my home at Beaumont, Texas, the thought of preparing a family record first occurred to me. That night I asked my father and mother many questions concerning themselves and their parental families. I learned that soon after my parents were married they built a family Tree and recorded important family data in their Bible. The Bible, including the family Tree, burned many years before that Christmas Eve visit, when Papa's business establishment at Myra, Texas, was destroyed by fire. My parents were living at Myra at the time. Papa and Mama did not develop another Family History. Their answers to my questions over twenty five years ago depended very much upon their recollections and family tradition. Papa was then in his seventieth year and Mama in her sixty-fifth.

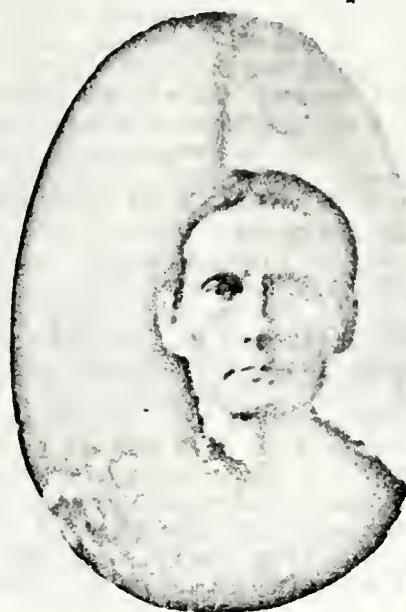
The exacting demands of an intensely busy public life over the period of nearly twenty two years after the idea occurred to me seemed to preclude the possibility of writing the Family Story, and they still do. It was not until I was gravely ill nearly four years ago that I determined, come what may, that I was going somehow to find the time to assemble as much information as possible and to record it. It is a source of joy to me to record the fact that I feel well and, if possible, work harder than ever before.

It is interesting to note as I write of the Daniel Bluford Harrison Family, that nearly everything my father told me twenty five years ago about his parents and his brothers and sisters has been corroborated by such documentary evidence as the records in the old Family Bibles of Papa's eldest sister, Roxana Harrison (Mrs. W.P.)

THE REV. DANIEL B. AND MARY ELIZABETH JOPLIN HARRISON



Daniel Bluford Harrison—Cumberland Presbyterian Minister, County and Probate Judge of Polk County, Arkansas, Postmaster and Schoolmaster and farmer, Dallas, Arkansas, 1860-1864. Born Sept. 15, 1815 Tennessee; died Texarkana, Texas, May 30, 1875.



Mary Elizabeth Joplin (Mrs. Daniel B.) Harrison. Born in Tennessee in 1823. Died at Dallas, Polk County, Arkansas, October, 1863.



THE DANIEL BLUFORD HARRISON HOMESTEAD
(1862)
DALLAS, ARKANSAS

Mrs. Harrison's maiden name, Elizabeth Joplin. Their children, Roxana, Jane, Nancy, Henry, Tom, Nat, Catharine, Jim, Harvey, Susie, Opie and Bell.

Their residence for 14 years

Oliver, and his sister, Nancy Harrison (Mrs. John L.) Fleming, who was a twin of Aunt Jane Harrison (Mrs. Tyra) Reece, and of his twin brother, John Harvey Harrison, as well as by tax rolls, minutes of national church assemblies in which my grandfather participated, and Federal Census and other records. There is legal proof of the fact that the parents of my grandfather, Daniel Bluford Harrison, were Daniel R. Harrison and Margaret Susannah (Rucker) Harrison. Census records of Wayne County, Tennessee, of 1840, show Daniel R. Harrison's occupation as a manufacturer and trader. The Federal Census of Hardin County, Tennessee, of 1850, listed his occupation as a cabinet maker. On the basis of family tradition, Census records and legal documents which I have carefully examined, he was born in North Carolina or Virginia, likely North Carolina on the Virginia border. My great-grandmother, Susannah (Rucker) Harrison was born in Virginia. There is positive proof on the basis of legal records examined, and in my possession, that Susannah (Rucker) Harrison was the daughter of George Rucker who, for many years before his death, resided in Franklin County, Georgia. In the Will of George Rucker, on record in Franklin County, Georgia, signed in 1810 and probated in 1815, he remembered, among others, his daughter, Susannah. Susannah Rucker's mother, Catherine Ehart (Mrs. George) Rucker, was the daughter of Michael Ehart and Catherine Ehart. My great-great grandmother, Catherine Rucker, was one of the designated heirs in the Will of Michael Ehart written on May 7, 1788 and probated in Culpepper County, Virginia, June 15, 1789. I have a certified copy of Michael Ehart's Will. There is such uncertainty and difference of opinion among the living descendants of Daniel R. Harrison and Susannah (Rucker) Harrison as to the identity of Daniel R.'s parents that I have postponed any effort to determine and document their identity until when, if ever, my time and strength are less taxed than they are now.

According to family tradition, my grandfather, Daniel Bluford Harrison, was one of fourteen children of Daniel R. Harrison and Susannah (Rucker) Harrison. Elsewhere in my story I am devoting a chapter to my grandfather's brothers and sisters.

There was a John Harrison in Lincoln County, Tennessee, whose Will was probated in 1829. His estate consisted of land in Lincoln County, Tennessee, and Lauderdale County, Alabama. He left his property to his wife for her lifetime and provided that upon her death it was to be equally divided between his children. The estate was settled in 1845. Legal records of the settlement can be found in the old Deed Books of these two counties at the courthouses at Fayetteville, Tennessee; and Florence, Alabama. John Harrison's sons were: Middleton, Thomas H., Daniel B., Hillcry and Willis L. His daughters were Elizabeth, wife of Ludy Cauthen, Nancy, wife of Paton R. Gill, and a daughter whose name I cannot find, wife of Atha Tharp. Descendants of John Harrison, through his eldest son, Middleton Harrison, have been among the most distinguished families who ever lived in Arkansas. The late Methodist minister, Reverend William Ringgold Harrison, ^{grand}son of Middleton Harrison, and William Ringgold Harrison's late sons, Judge Harvey Harrison and James J. (Jim) Harrison, and their accomplishments are recorded in "Who's Who" in Arkansas history. Two living sons of Reverend William Ringgold Harrison, whom I know, are Galloway Harrison, of the State of Washington, and William R. Harrison, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Both of them are insurance executives and civic and religious leaders. I mention these families because of the following facts:

- (1) Their migration westward paralleled precisely in time and in geographical locations the descendant-families of Daniel R. Harrison and Susannah (Rucker) Harrison.

- (2) Daniel R. Harrison and John Harrison both had sons by the name of Daniel B. Harrison.
- (3) James Steele Harrison, born in 1801, the elder if not the eldest son of Daniel R. Harrison and Susannah (Rucker) Harrison, and Middleton Harrison, the eldest son of John Harrison, born in 1800, were both born in South Carolina.

On the basis of the facts listed and other data examined, I believe that my great grandfather, Daniel R. Harrison, and John Harrison, were brothers. Surely I do believe that in their ancestral background there may have been a powerful personality and a good man by the name of Daniel Harrison. The determination of this possible fact may be extremely difficult because of records destroyed by the Yankees during the War Between the States and courthouses that have burned since then.

Our family tradition is that our Harrison forebears were among the first English settlers in the colony of Virginia, that they were related to Benjamin Harrison, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and his son, President William Henry Harrison, and his great-grandson, President Benjamin Harrison; and that they moved westward via North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. While I have found no legal proof of the fact I, nevertheless, believe that there are some grounds to support the tradition. Genealogy has been called a luxurious pastime that only the rich can afford. I am not rich! If there are those who read this story who can indulge in the pastime, I trust that they will seek documentation of our family tradition and that if they succeed in doing so, that they will be kind enough to share their findings with the descendants of Daniel B. Harrison. I am gladly sharing with relatives the results of my efforts as a "labor of love".

My father, James J. (Jim) Harrison, often told me that his father and mother, Daniel Bluford Harrison, and Mary Elizabeth (Joplin) Harrison, were married in Giles County, Tennessee. Old Family Bibles of my Aunt Roxana, my Aunt Nancy and my Uncle Harvey, to which reference has been made, all contain data to the effect that their father, Daniel Bluford Harrison, married Mary Elizabeth (Joplin) ~~Harrison~~, daughter of Silas M. Joplin and Nancy (Cunningham) Joplin. Unfortunately, neither of these three Family Bible records show the date and place of the marriage. It is possible that the marriage occurred in some other county in Tennessee or in Mississippi, but I believe that my father's information was correct. Aunt Roxana's Bible Record lists her birthplace as Tishomingo County, Mississippi, January 9, 1844, and Aunt Nancy's Bible shows her birthplace and that of her twin sister, Jane, as Tishomingo County, Mississippi, February 1, 1845.

This past summer my dear wife, Fay (Farmer) Harrison, and I made a tour of Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama. We visited relatives and elder citizens and cemeteries and inspected records at courthouses in search of information concerning our Harrison and/or Farmer families. At the Corinth, Mississippi courthouse, where the records of old Tishomingo County are being preserved, we found much information. We saw and copied the marriage licenses of my great-aunt, Rachel Adline Harrison and David Hawkins, and my great-aunt, Jane Harrison and Jonathan White. We also saw and copied the marriage license records of my great-uncles, William C. Joplin and Mahala Ward and Aaron Joplin and Polly Ward. My grandfather's signature, Daniel B. Harrison, was on the Marriage Bond of \$200.00 for David Hawkins. Mississippi required bonds at that

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time of all applicants for marriage licenses. The bonds were guarantees to the state that the marriages would actually be performed and that evidence to that effect would be returned to the state to be recorded.

At Corinth we discovered that my grandfather, Daniel B. Harrison, was a deputy probate clerk in July, 1838, and that he subsequently served for a few years as Justice of the Peace. We read copies of deeds that he had beautifully penned. In 1838 a mortgage deed of \$2,000 was recorded that had been given by the firm of Alexander Neece and Daniel B. Harrison, Neece & Harrison, in which the said firm pledged lots, buildings and stables at Jacinto, the county seat of Old Tishomingo County. Old Tishomingo County records disclose that Neece & Harrison sold their business about a year after the mortgage deed was recorded. Daniel B. Harrison, partner in the firm, was my grandfather. While I have no proof, I strongly surmise that Alexander Neece's wife was one of the older sisters of my grandfather. In the 1840 Census of Old Tishomingo County of the Alexander Neece household, the ages of Neece and his wife are shown as between 30 and 40, with one son under 5, three sons 5 to 10, one daughter 10 to 15 and one 15 to 20. The Neece Census of 1840 also included a male between 20 and 30. I am sure that he was my grandfather Harrison, who was 25 that year.

Judge Daniel B. Harrison, my grandfather, according to family tradition, was called Major Harrison by his relatives and friends - some living elder relatives say because of the general high personal respect for him. Indeed, ~~until recently~~, the elderly grandchildren of my great-aunt, Rachel A. Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins, never knew him by any other name until in the summer of this year. Old letters to their mother proved that Daniel B. Harrison and Major Harrison was their one and the same great-uncle, whose memory they had long ago learned to revere through their parents, their grandparents and great-uncle, Reverend Albert Daniel Harrison. My grandfather may have served in the Mexican War or in the Confederate Militia or Confederate Home Guard during the War Between the States. Thus far I have found no record of military service. In his day, I am told, it was the custom of citizens of communities affectionately to bestow titles upon good men of outstanding leadership.

Forty years ago my aunt Jane Harrison (Mrs. Tyra) Reece wrote in a book of Charles Henry Harrison, a grandson of my great-uncle, Albert Daniel Harrison, the following statement: "My parents moved from Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to Sevier County, Arkansas, one year after my twin sister, Nancy, and I were born. We were born on February 1, 1845. Nancy and I were in our fifth year when our parents moved to Dallas, the County Seat of Polk County, Arkansas." Aunt Jane's written statement in Charles Henry Harrison's book forty years ago, which he has preserved to this day, is verified by the appearance of the name of Daniel B. Harrison on the tax rolls of Sevier County, Arkansas, now on file in the State Archives at Little Rock, for the years of 1846 to 1849, and by our knowledge of the fact that my uncle, Thomas B. (Tom) Harrison was born at Dallas, Arkansas, on July 10, 1849. /1850.

Until 1850, Federal Census Records did not list by name or otherwise identify any member of any family except the head of the household. The first time, therefore, that we find Daniel B. Harrison listed by name in a Census Record was of Sevier County, Arkansas, in 1850. He was thirty-four years of age in January, 1850, the time when the Sevier County census was taken. We know, from records in the three old Family Bibles already mentioned, that he was born on September 15, 1815, in Tennessee, and therefore, that he was thirty five before the end of the year 1850. The Census listed his wife's name as Elizabeth, 27, born in Tennessee. The children in 1850, as listed in the Census, were: Roxana, age 6; Nancy and Mahala, twins, 5; all born in Mississippi, and William Henry, age 2, born in Arkansas. Mahala's name was subsequently changed to Sarah Jane.

According to the Federal Census of 1860, Daniel B. Harrison was one of the wealthiest men in Polk County, Arkansas - it ought quickly to be said, however, that the population of the County was rather sparse at that time! He was a Cumberland Presbyterian minister. He was also a skilled cabinet maker and a successful farmer. He was the Circuit and County Clerk of Polk County, Arkansas, from October 3, 1854, to October 3, 1856, and from April 11, 1857, to October 3, 1860. He served as County and Probate Judge of Polk County from November 2, 1860, until May 31, 1864. Prior to and during the War Between the States he also served as the Postmaster and director of the school at Dallas.

The Harrison's expansive two-story frame residence at Dallas, of which I and some other living descendants have pictures, burned early in 1863. The fire completely destroyed the house, all household effects and all sacred family treasures, including the Family Bible and the Family History. My grandparents were away on business and the older children were working on the farm when the fire occurred. According to family legend, Aunt Catherine, then 9, who was the oldest child in the house, rescued her younger brothers and sisters from the flaming building, including, of course, my father. We, who are the descendants of those younger brothers and sisters should be grateful for the judgment and heroism of their 9 year old sister! In October, 1863, grandmother Harrison was killed by an accidental fall in the Masonic Lodge Building at Dallas at the age of 40, leaving twelve children with her husband to mourn her departure and to cherish and honor her memory! The combination of these tragedies, coincident with the hardships and ravages of the four year War Between the States, including the loss of his several slaves, struck Daniel B. Harrison a mighty blow but it did not completely ruin him financially. The Federal Census Record of Scott County, Arkansas, of 1870, showed that he still had both personal property and real estate, but much less than in 1860.

Daniel Bluford Harrison was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in September, 1859, by the Dallas Lodge A. F. and A. M., No. 128, at Dallas, Arkansas. The Dallas Lodge -- that is still its official name -- is now located at Mona, the present county seat of Polk County. Records of the Waldron, Arkansas Lodge A. F. and A. M., No. 132, reflect the fact that he was a member of that lodge in good standing at the time of his death at 59.

Grandfather Harrison attended the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Jefferson, Texas in May, 1875. He was a commissioner to that National Assembly. Enroute home, after the Assembly meetings of several days' duration were concluded, he became ill and died at Texarkana, Texas. The family Bibles of Aunt Roxanna, Aunt Nancy and Uncle Harvey, and the records of the Masonic Lodge at Waldron establish the date of his death as May 30, 1875. His illness, says Aunt Roxanna's Bible record, was diagnosed as bone erysipelas. His funeral, according to my father's statement to me long ago and verified by Presbyterian Church records, was conducted by his close friend, Reverend Charles Goldberg, Pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Texarkana, Texas.

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that met in 1876 at Bowling Green, Kentucky formally memorialized Reverend Daniel Bluford Harrison as "A beloved, able and influential minister and leader of our great denomination who has passed to his reward during the past year." This resolution and the records of his attendance at the General Assembly, held at Jefferson, Texas in May, 1875, and the report of the General Assembly meetings of 1854, which listed as a delegate and as a speaker, Reverend Daniel B. Harrison, founder and pastor of the Cove Church, Mound Prairie Presbytery, Arkansas Synod, are in the official reports on file and in the Almanac at The Presbyterian Historical Society at their headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Cove, Arkansas, still a thriving village, probably was the biggest town in Polk County in 1854. The Cumberland Presbyterian denomination in 1906 reunited with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., members of which sometimes are incorrectly called "Northern Presbyterians". Certain congregations held out against the reunion and maintain a denomination called the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

In my extensive and painstaking search in behalf of authentic information concerning my Grandfather Harrison, I made the acquaintance by letter of John W. Evatt, of Waldron, Arkansas. Mr. Evatt is a venerable and a venerated Mason and lifelong citizen of Scott County, Arkansas. I have enjoyed a delightful correspondence with him. In one of his letters he wrote:

"I remember well Judge Daniel B. Harrison and his wife and children. I recall, as I grew older, that my father often spoke of Judge Harrison, who was a farmer, cabinet maker and minister, as a powerful preacher, a fine citizen and a great community builder. Your grandfather served as pastor of the Pilot Prairie Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which was a few miles from Waldron. The church house at Pilot Prairie, as I first knew it, was built with hewed logs and floored with split pine, or punching slabs, as they were called in those days. The flooring was not nailed to the joists and would rattle as the members of the congregation walked. The seats were made of split timber with holes bored through the stakes placed in them to hold them up. The old log church house was taken down years ago and a plank house built. The second structure was demolished and in 1949 a modern new frame church building that looks completely up-to-date was built on the original site. As I remember from my childhood days, the property belonged to the Presbyterians but the Methodists were permitted to use it also. Both denominations cooperated in raising the funds to build the most recent structure and so I presume the improved property belongs to both denominations. In the old days when your grandfather was the Presbyterian minister, services were held twice each month by the Presbyterians and twice by the Methodists. Services now are conducted once a month each by the Methodists and the Presbyterians. The ministers who conduct services at the Pilot Prairie Church are: Reverend Emery Trickett, of Booneville, Arkansas, Presbyterian, and Reverend Elmo Thompson, of Waldron, Methodist. The Pilot Prairie Church, I feel sure, is the oldest religious institution in this part of the country.

"I remember, of course, the place where Judge Harrison lived and in my mind I can see it, although it has been replaced by new houses twice since your grandfather's family sold it. A man by the name of Nick O'Neal owns and lives in a very attractive house on the exact site where the Harrison house stood. The house is in Waldron, and much of the Harrison farm is now town lots in Waldron, on which houses have been built.

"And I remember almost as if it were yesterday, when Judge Harrison and Samuel K. Duncan, a layman in his church, left on horseback to make what was at that time a long trip over hazardous paths and treacherous trails, much of which was in mountain forests, for meetings of The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Jefferson, Texas. No one knew of the death and burial at the two-state town of Texarkana of Judge Harrison two weeks before until his friend and fellow delegate, Sam Duncan, rode into Waldron, leading a riderless saddled horse - the Judge's favorite steed - and bringing the sad news to the Judge's family and friends. I shall never forget the distraction and grief among his family and the pall that fell over the people of Waldron and Pilot Prairie when the shocking news came. Sam's son, Dr. T. R. Duncan, 75, grew up in Waldron and is living here today."

It seems incredibly strange in this scientific age of fabulous highways and airlanes and skilled morticians that anyone should die and have to be buried away from his family and friends when only 152 miles from home, but such was more usual than uncommon when Daniel B. Harrison died, just seventy-six years ago.

Grandfather Harrison must have been a very attractive and a fine man, as Mr. Evatt's father said, for it is noteworthy to observe that our Grandmother Elizabeth Joplin Harrison's two eldest brothers named sons in his honor.

I have made vainless personal searches to find my Grandfather Harrison's grave in the State-Line Cemetery at Texarkana, Texas-Arkansas, and in the Rhondo Cemetery, five miles east of Texarkana. Rhendo was the temporary capital of Arkansas, for a period during the War Between the States. Many Confederate veterans and prominent political leaders of Arkansas of the War days and since are buried there. There are those who say that our grandfather's friend may have tried to take his body home but had to abandon the effort. They think that he may have been buried in the once famous Washington Cemetery which is some distance from Texarkana, and in the general direction from that city toward Waldron. This may have been the case but I doubt it. It has not been possible for me to visit that cemetery.

My grandfather's wife at the time of his death was his second wife. They were married in Red River County, Texas, on December 30, 1864. My grandfather moved back to Arkansas after a residence of a very few years in Texas. While he was a widower, Aunt Nancy kept house for him and helped him take care of his eight motherless children still at home, from Uncle Tom on down. It is easy to understand that a very practical problem of taking care of these (sentence completed on following page).

children and relieving Aunt Nancy so she could marry and establish a home of her own hastened the second marriage. The urgency of that practical-and laudatory motive, coupled with the fact that the two children of the widow he married were born in Texas, circumstantially supports my surmise that the marriage took place in Texas, some two or three years after my Grandmother Harrison died. My cousins, Etta Fite, of Spur, Texas, and Mrs. Ila Harrison Carver, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, have told me that they remember our step-grandmother very well. They say that their parents told them that she was good and kind and worked for the welfare of her Harrison step-children. They also report that she visited in their parents' homes in Texas for several weeks in 1885.

Apparently my step-grandmother Harrison, who was born in Indiana in 1835 and whose given name was Elizabeth, the same as that of my grandmother Harrison, continued to live in Arkansas until her death. Her daughter, Margaret Ellen Duval, and Ellen's husband, J. C. Hathaway, lived for a number of years at Paris, Texas. They had a son, so I have been told, whose name was Willie Hathaway, who became a really brilliant young man. In my search I have been unable to locate Willie or any of the family since the Paris days of the Hathaways. The marriage license issued on December 30, 1864, shows her name as Elizabeth Duval. The 1860 Census reveals the fact that her first husband was John Duval. He probably lost his life in the War Between the States. Elizabeth Duval Harrison, after my grandfather Harrison's death on May 30, 1875, married a man by the name of Keener—initials not given—*Willie Keene* according to a Deed Record I have seen at the Waldron County Courthouse in Scott County, Arkansas.

Until the Kansas City Southern Railway from Kansas City, Missouri to Port Arthur, Texas, was built in 1896, Waldron was little, if any, bigger than Pilot Prairie, and Mena did not exist at all. During the twenty-seven years when my grandfather lived in Arkansas, Dallas was a fine pioneer county seat. It was the Stagecoach Post Office of the Ouachita Forest and mountain area of Western Arkansas. When the Kansas City Southern Railroad was being built, Dallas was on the direct route the railway officials planned to run the line. There were two prosperous citizens of Dallas who jointly owned certain land in the Dallas area that was needed by the railroad company. One was willing to sell his part of the right of way at a reasonable sum, but the other held out for an extortionate price. The railroad officials refused to pay the price and changed the route, as a result of which Mena, Arkansas, the present county seat of Polk County, was born, and in a course of years the town of Dallas, five miles south, died. The two men are now in well marked graves in the crowded but I fear somewhat neglected Dallas Cemetery! All that remains of Dallas, Arkansas is the lonely cemetery and one general, old fashioned store and two or three nearby farm houses.

Many times, especially in his late years, my father told his children of the beautiful scenes of his childhood and teen-age days in Polk and Scott Counties in Arkansas. We thought he was an old man dreaming. When we spoke of big rocks, my father would say they were pebbles compared to the big boulders of Western Arkansas. If we saw trees that we thought were big and stately, he chided us by saying, "If you think they are big and beautiful, you ought to see the trees where I grew up in Arkansas". If we spoke of mountains in

Central North Texas, where our family has lived, he would say: "Pshaw! Those are hills compared to the mountains on which I played as a boy at Dallas and Waldron, Arkansas." And we thought over and over that "Papa" was becoming childish; "A characteristic of 'old age'!" we would say. "Surely, he is just an old man romanticizing the land of his birth." We were wrong! My family and I have visited Polk County, Arkansas during each of the past two summers and now I know my father was not dreaming. The rocks and the trees and the mountains of which he spoke are still there.

Polk and Scott Counties are a picturesque section of the scenic Ouachita National Forest. They are in the Ouachita Mountains. It was through this mountainous area that my father and his twin brother, Harvey, and his older brother, Tom, stationed enroute at equidistant localities as teen-age couriers, carried the mail in relays back and forth to the Stagecoach Post Office of Dallas from Waldron and intervening points. My grandfather was the Postmaster of Dallas for four years. Well can I understand now that my father was not trying simply to entertain his children when he told us of how scared he and his brothers were when he and they were on their night horseback rides carrying the mail through the mountains of Arkansas and heard the cries and the roars and the fury of wild beasts and were sometimes accosted by ruffians.

There is a shady lake 27 miles from Mena with 27 acres of wonderful fishing water in the Mena Recreational Area of the Ouachita - pronounced like Washita - National Forest. Boat and bathhouse facilities for visitors are maintained during the swimming and fishing season together with camp grounds and concessions. There is a Drive that winds up the mountains north of Mena, reaching an elevation of 2,800 feet, atop of which a look-out station is maintained and from which all who go there can see the wonders of the Arkansas skies as "Papa" and his brothers saw them in the days of their youth when they scaled these self-same heights without the modern day benefit of an elevator in the form of a motor driven car!

THE REV. DANIEL BLUFORD HARRISON FAMILY RECORDPREPARED IN 1951BYHASTINGS HARRISON, SON OF JAMES J. (JIM) HARRISON

The Rev. Daniel Bluford Harrison married Mary Elizabeth Joplin in Tennessee or Mississippi, presumably in early 1843.

Daniel Bluford HarrisonMary Elizabeth Joplin

Born in Tennessee; September 15, 1815 Born in Tennessee, 1823
Died in Texarkana, Texas, May 30, 1875 Died in Dallas, Arkansas, October ,1863
Buried at Texarkana, Arkansas or Texas Buried at Dallas, Polk County, Arkansas

Their children were as follows:

-Roxanna Harrison

Born in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, January 9, 1844
Married William F. Oliver at Dallas, Arkansas, March 6, 1860
Died in Gavinsville, Red River County, Texas, in her 60th year, Oct. 30, 1903
Buried by her husband in Binion Cemetery, Talco, Titus County, Texas

Twins: Sarah Jane Harrison and Nancy M. Harrison, born in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, February 1, 1845

-Sarah Jane Harrison

Married Tyra Pickens Reece at Dallas, Arkansas, January 26, 1860
Died in Erath County, Texas, in her 80th year, on March 6, 1924
Buried by her husband at Wesley Chapel Cemetery, near Bluffdale, Texas

-Nancy M. Harrison

Married John L. Fleming in Red River County, Texas, September 2, 1865
Died at Hoyt, Oklahoma, in her 99th year, on December 23, 1943
Buried by her husband at Stigler, Oklahoma

-William Henry Harrison

Born in Sevier County, Arkansas, in 1848

-Thomas Bluford (Tom) Harrison

Born at Dallas, Arkansas, July 10, 1850
Married Margaret Gordon at Waldron, Scott County, Arkansas, Nov. 24, 1868
Died at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in his 78th year, on September 3, 1927

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The Rev. Daniel Bluford Harrison Family Record (Continued)

-Nathaniel Harrison

Born at Dallas, Arkansas, in 1852

-Catherine Harrison

Born at Dallas, Arkansas, April 1, 1854

Married William Fite at Waldron, Arkansas, August 24, 1871

Died at Spur, Texas, in her 94th year, on April 27, 1947

Buried in the Spur Cemetery

Twins: James Johnson (Jim) Harrison and John Harvey Harrison, born at Dallas, Arkansas, April 16, 1856

-James Johnson (Jim) Harrison

Married Savannah Elizabeth Dial, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Andrew H. Pickens, in Fannin County, Texas, November 22, 1883

Died at Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, in his 88th year, on August 31, 1943

Buried by his wife at Laurel Land Cemetery, Dallas, Texas

-John Harvey Harrison

Married Mattie Grant at the home of Arch Grant, her father, near Clarksville, Texas, December 24, 1882

Died at Detroit, Texas, in his 67th year, on January 8, 1923

Buried by his wife in the Detroit Cemetery

-Susan Ann (Susie) Harrison

Born at Dallas, Arkansas, 1858

Married Charles C. Manor at Waldron, Arkansas, or Leonard, Texas, about 1877

Died at Leonard about 1889 in December, 1884.

Buried at or near Leonard

-Opa Ann (Opie) Harrison

Born at Dallas, Arkansas, April 22, 1860

Married Radolphus (Buck) Stephens at Leonard, Fannin County, Texas, November 25, 1880

Died at Torrence, California, in her 77th year, on February 17, 1932

Buried in Roosevelt Cemetery, near Torrence

Belzonia

-Belie-Zona Harrison

Born at Dallas, Arkansas, May 17, 1862

Married John Wesley Keward at Leonard, Texas, December 30, 1880

Died at Lipan, Palo Pinto County, Texas, in her 64th year, on June 21, 1925

Buried by her husband in the Evergreen Cemetery at Lipan

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CENSUS RECORDS OF THE DANIEL BLUFORD HARRISON FAMILY AND COMMENTS

1850 Sevier County, Arkansas Census

Daniel B. Harrison	-	33	-	Presbyterian Clergyman	-	Born in Tennessee
Elizabeth "	-	27	-	Wife	-	" " "
Roxana "	-	6	-	Daughter	-	" " Mississippi
Nancy "	-	5	-	"	-	" " "
Mahala "	-	5	-	"	-	" " "
William Henry "	-	2	-	Son	-	" " Arkansas

Comments

My grandfather's wife, my grandmother, was Mary Elizabeth Joplin Harrison. Mahala's name was changed in her early childhood to Sarah Jane. She and Nancy were twins. Since I wrote the Abridged History of my grandfather I have discovered that his age was listed when the above census was taken in January 1850 as 33 instead of 34. Subsequent censuses of 1860 and 1870 were taken in the fall, probably after his birthday on September 15th. It is possible that my grandfather was born just 9 months and 1 day after his sister, Rachel Adline Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins, but I doubt it. If he was 33 and not 34 when the 1850 census was taken, then the three old Bible Records, still extant, of my aunts Roxana and Nancy and of my uncle Harvey were in error, and my grandfather was born on September 15, 1816, instead of September 15, 1815, as indicated in their Bibles. In my general story I accepted the Bible Records.

I am sure that my grandfather, Daniel Bluford Harrison, was named Daniel for his father, Daniel R. Harrison, and Bluford for his uncle Simeon Bluford Rucker, a brother of his mother, Susannah Rucker (Mrs. Daniel R.) Harrison.

1860 Polk County, Arkansas Census

Dwelling 20

Daniel B. Harrison	-	44	-	Circuit Clerk	-	Born in Tennessee
Mary Elizabeth "	-	37	-	Wife	-	" " "
William Henry "	-	12	-	Son	-	" " Arkansas
Thomas Bluford "	-	10	-	"	-	" " "
Nathaniel "	-	8	-	"	-	" " "
Catherine "	-	6	-	Daughter	-	" " "
John Harvey "	-	4	-	Son	-	" " "
James Johnson "	-	4	-	"	-	" " "
Susan A.	-	2	-	Daughter	-	" " "
Opa Ann "	-	1/12	-	"	-	" " "
Tyra Pickens Reece	-	22	-	Farmer	-	" " Tennessee
Sarah Jane "	-	15	-	Wife	-	" " Mississippi

Dwelling 21

William P. Oliver	-	21 1/3	-	Farmer	-	" " Mississippi
Roxana "	-	29/6	-	Wife	-	" " Mississippi

Comments

John Harvey and James Johnson (Jim) Harrison were twins. Jim was my father. Sarah Jane Reece and Roxana Oliver were married daughters of Daniel Bluford and Mary Elizabeth Joplin Harrison. My grandfather served seven years as Circuit and County Clerk, and from April 1860 to April 1864 as County and Probate Judge of Polk County, Arkansas. He preached and farmed at the same time. He was one of

the biggest taxpayers in the County. His renditions for taxes were: Real Estate \$2500 and Personal Property \$1500. Then, as now, property was rendered by all citizens at far less than the actual values.

1870 Scott County, Arkansas Census

Daniel B. Harrison	-	51	-	Farmer and Clergyman	-	Born in Tennessee
Elizabeth "	-	35	-	Wife	-	" " Indiana
Catherine "	-	16	-	His Daughter	-	" " Arkansas
James J. "	-	14	-	His Son	-	" " "
John Harvey "	-	14	-	" "	-	" " "
Susan A. "	-	12	-	His Daughter	-	" " "
Opa Ann "	-	10	-	" "	-	" " "
Belzonia "	-	8	-	" "	-	" " "
William Tobe Dewvall	-	12	-	Her Son	-	" " Texas
Margaret Ellen "	-	10	-	Her Daughter	-	" " "

Comments

After the death in October 1863 of my grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Joplin (Mrs. Daniel B.) Harrison, my grandfather married a widow by the name of Elizabeth Duval. His tax renditions had dropped in 10 years from \$2,500 for Real Estate to \$500, and from \$1,500 for Personal Property to \$835. The reasons for his losses have been explained in my general story. Two of his sons, William Henry and Nathaniel, had died in the 10 year interim. His three oldest daughters, Roxana, Nancy and Jane, and his oldest living son, Thomas Bluford (Tom), were married. They and the six listed in the 1870 census account for his 10 children alive at the time.

In the Census of Red River County, Texas, of 1860, is shown the first family of my grandfather's second wife as follows:

John Duval	- 24 -	Carpenter	- Born in Arkansas
Elizabeth Duval	- 24 -	Wife	- Born in Indiana
William Duval	- 2 -	Son	- Born in Red River County, Texas
Ellen Duval	- 3/12 -	Daughter	- Born in Red River County, Texas

It is obvious that the census taker in Scott County, Arkansas, in 1870, misspelled the Duval name.

THE TWELVE CHILDREN OF
DANIEL BLUFORD HARRISON AND MARY ELIZABETH (JOPLIN) HARRISON

The twelve children of Daniel Bluford Harrison and Mary Elizabeth (Joplin) Harrison, all of whom are deceased, were reared to succor the unfortunate, "to hate evil, to love mercy and to do good," and they lived up to their parental precepts all of their blessed collective lives of over 760 years. Their average age was $63\frac{1}{2}$ years. Ten of the children reached maturity, married, and established homes of their own. These ten, a prolific group, honored their parents with 66 grandchildren, 31 of whom are living at the present time. Eight of the sons and daughters of Daniel Bluford Harrison and Mary Elizabeth (Joplin) Harrison lived to be from 64 to nearly 99, six of the eight, from 78 to 99. Some of the ten were reasonably prosperous and achieved a limited degree of affluence. None ~~were~~ ever wealthy, none famous, but all were respected and reputable citizens who lived highly useful lives. Home-owning, sober and substantial people of integrity and high ideals, they influenced multitudes for good. They loved their families and generously supported in deed and in substance their churches and the civic and educational organizations of their communities. They were democratic, law-abiding, self-reliant, sacrificial, fearless, independent and courageous. A Bible-reading, Christ-loving and reverential group, they reared their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Their mother had died and their fine parental residence at Dallas, Arkansas, had been destroyed by fire while the War Between the States was raging and when all of them were young, including the two daughters who were married at that time. Two of the children, Henry and Nathaniel, died in their teens. The other ten who established homes of their own did so during the cruelly hard days in the South that followed in the wake of the war. In the light of this background we can readily understand and appreciate their depth of human sympathy and compassion for all people who stood in need of help.

The children of Daniel Bluford Harrison and Mary Elizabeth (Joplin) Harrison were brought up as staunch Presbyterians. The three sons, Thomas, James, and Harvey, and perhaps some of their sisters, remained true and steadfast Presbyterians to the end, but most of the girls married Baptists or Methodists and perhaps properly strayed away from the church of their parents. My father, James J. (Jim) Harrison, was ordained an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at the age of 26, and continued as an elder in the reunited Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., after the reunion took place until his death in his 88th year. Uncle Harvey and Uncle Tom were likewise elders in the church. These three faithful sons reflected honor upon their father by their leadership of his church. All of the 12 children, including Henry and Nathaniel, at one time or another moved from Arkansas to Texas. Aunt Nancy and Uncle Tom lived for a few years before their death, and are buried, in Oklahoma, and Aunt Opa Ann spent her last years and is buried in California. All the others lived out their lives and are buried in Texas.

Aunt Nancy won the race of life for longevity among the 12 Harrison children. Had she lived one month and seven days longer than she did, she would have celebrated her 99th birthday, which was annually observed by members of her family and other relatives. My brother, Hubert, and I, and Mary Catherine (Grimes) Hearne, granddaughter of Aunt Catherine Fite, and my aged father, were present at the large gathering in her honor on her 95th birthday. Aunt Catherine ran a strong second. She was in her 94th year at the time of

THE 12 CHILDREN OF THE REV. DANIEL B. AND

MARY ELIZABETH JOPLIN HARRISON



Roxana Harrison (Mrs. W. P.) Oliver



Left to Right: John Harvey Harrison,
Thomas Bluford (Tom) Harrison, and
James J. (Jim) Harrison.



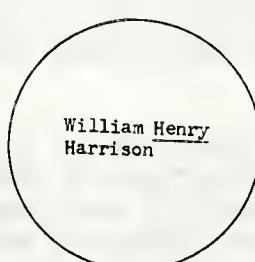
Nathaniel
Harrison



Opa Ann Harrison (Mrs.
Radolphus) Stephens



Belzonia Harrison (Mrs. John Wesley)
Howard, left, and Sarah Jane
Harrison (Mrs. Tyra Pickens)
Reece.



William Henry
Harrison



Catherine Harrison
(Mrs. Wm. C.) Fite



Susan (Susie) Harrison
(Mrs. Charles) Maner



Nancy Harrison (Mrs.
John F.) Fleming in
her 96th Year

her death. My father, James J. (Jim) Harrison, who came next, won the race among the boys, having been in his 88th year when he received his Heavenly summons. Uncle Nathaniel, who was 13 at the time of his death, was the youngest to go. My father told me that his brother, Nat, died in his sleep and that he was buried at or near Cherry, in Red River County, Texas.

William Henry Harrison, in 1863, at the age of 15, ran away from home and joined the Confederate Army, as did thousands of other boys of his age. When the war was over and the South laid prostrate, Henry sought a better life in the young state of Texas. He obtained a job on a ranch in Hamilton County. My father told me that in late 1864 his father received a letter from a man in Hamilton County, in which the man said that Henry had been thrown by a wild horse and killed and given a Christian burial. Henry was 16 at the time of his reported death. Federal Census Records of Sevier County, Arkansas, clearly establish the fact that Henry was born in Arkansas in 1848.

Never shall I forget my father's great statement of faith the day before his death. In that statement he said: "I have lived a long life and God has been good to me. I know that I am dying and I am ready and I want to go. I don't think anyone who has tried to live right is ever afraid to die, but none of us want to suffer. I don't want you children worrying over me when I am gone, for when I die I am sure I am going straight to Heaven, if there is a Heaven, of which fact I cannot have a single doubt!"

Surely, "death was swallowed up in victory for him."

Aunt Jane was the youngest to wed among the ten children who lived to maturity. She was nearly 15 when she married Reverend Tyra Reece, a Baptist minister. Aunt Roxanna was the next. When she married William P. Oliver, she was just a trifle past 16. Both Aunt Jane and Aunt Roxanna, in the presence of many friends, were married at their parental home at Dallas, Arkansas. The war clouds were gathering between the states at that time, which at least partially explains why they married as young as they did. And youthful marriages were far more prevalent in their day than now. The subsequent four years of service of Tyra Reece and William P. Oliver in the Confederate Army honored not only themselves, but also their young and faithful wives.

Aunt Nancy was the oldest of the Harrison girls at the time of her marriage. She was nearing 22 when she married a stalwart Confederate veteran of the full four years of the war, John L. Fleming. Uncle John was a happy person whose unusual laugh always attracted attention. Aunt Nancy postponed her wedding for two or three years, so my father told me, to take care of their father and his young children who were still at home at the time of the death of their mother in 1863. When my grandfather married again, Aunt Nancy carried out her postponed marital plans.

Aunt Jane, twin of Aunt Nancy, who was in her 90th year at the time of her death, won the prize for the number of children among Daniel Bluford Harrison and Elizabeth Harrison's ten children who married. She and Uncle Tyra Reece were blessed with 13 children! Aunt Nancy won the boobie prize with only two, but her two sons redeemed her with numerous children and grandchildren to honor her name and memory. One of her grandsons, Herschel Fleming, is now and has been for several years, one of the most useful and popular county sheriffs in the state of Texas, with his headquarters at Abilene,

In 1948, the late Rasse Reece, a grandson, Mrs. Irene Brown, a granddaughter, and Roy H. Reece, the youngest son of Aunt Jane and Uncle Tyra Reece, wrote "The History of the Reece Family for 100 years in Texas". It was a beautiful story of a remarkable family. In the story, the authors referred to their mother and grandmother, my Aunt Jane, as having been kind, deliberate and thoughtful, a woman whose love for her family and devotion to her ideals and to her God were a benediction to her many children and to all with whom she came in contact. They ascribed what they called these "Reece and Harrison characteristics of their mother" to Roy's sister, Carthenia. Aunt Jane's life must have been a benediction! She married a Baptist minister; her daughter, Carthenia, married a Baptist minister, John Gentry; her late son, Denton Reece, was a Baptist minister, and Thomas Elijah Reece is and has been for many, many years a Baptist minister. All of the other children of Aunt Jane and Uncle Tyra are now or were during their lifetime leaders in the religious and civic life of their communities. I am sure that the beautiful characteristics that the authors of the Reece story ascribed to Aunt Jane who had been dead for 24 years at the time it was written can be ascribed with equal justice to everyone of Aunt Jane's sisters, namely, Roxanna, Nancy, Catherine, Susan, Opa Ann and Belzonie, who was known as Belle.

My father, James J. (Jim) Harrison, was the eldest of all of the children at the time of his marriage, and Uncle Harvey, his twin brother, was next. Papa was nearly 28 and Uncle Harvey was nearly 27 when they married. Uncle Tom had been married seven years and Aunt Catherine four. When their father, Daniel B. Harrison, died on May 30, 1875. The twin boys were in their 20th year at that time. When they learned of their father's death, so my father told me, he and Uncle Harvey jointly vowed, in tribute to the memory of their father and mother, that they would stick together and help take care of and educate their sisters, Susan, Opa Ann and Belzenia, all younger than they, and that neither would marry until these three sisters had full opportunity to do so, if they wished. They lived up to that agreement, as family data clearly shows. They were always proud of themselves and of one another for having kept their pledge and their "baby sisters" loved them dearly for the sacrifice they had made in their behalf. My father's 14 years of loneliness after mama's death were brightened by the many endearing letters he received from Aunt Belle's children.

Thomas Bluford Harrison, my Uncle Tom, had red hair. Since my hair was red, too, he was always partial to me among his younger relatives. He was tall, rugged, and, I thought, handsome, and I looked up to him and visited him and his family whenever I could. Uncle Tom's death was imminent when his wife, Margaret (Gordon) Harrison, died on August 27, 1927. On September 4th, after a joint funeral, they were buried in the same grave in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

When Aunt Roxanna was young and lived in Arkansas with her parents, she exchanged visits and corresponded with the children of her Aunt Rachel A. Harrison, who was the wife of David Hawkins. She and her cousin, Albert Hawkins, loved each other dearly and carried on an intimate, understanding and wholesome correspondence as long as they both lived. It seems likely, from what I hear from surviving relatives, that they would have married had they not been first cousins. Aunt Roxanna and Albert Hawkins married others in due time and maintained happy homes. Albert's good wife predeceased him, as did Roxanna. All through the years he had kept Aunt Roxanna's letters, neatly bound together with a beautiful ribbon. Often, he would untie the



ribbon and read her letters again and again. When he died, according to a letter from one of his surviving nieces, Mrs. Opa Ann Hawkins Veteto of Hot Springs, Arkansas, the letters were placed in his casket and buried with him, which was in keeping with his request.

Papa always spoke of his eldest sister, Roxana, as a beautiful and charming girl who set a fine example for her eleven brothers and sisters to follow. Recently Opa Ann Veteto lent me her Uncle Albert Hawkins' picture of my Aunt Roxana long enough for me to have a copy made of it. That picture certainly convinces me that she really was a stunning young lady.

Miss Minnie Small of Point Cedar, Arkansas, a first cousin of Mrs. Veteto, who is also a granddaughter of my great Aunt Rachel, has written me that her grandmother and grandfather Hawkins moved to Polk County, Arkansas, from old Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in early 1858. In one of her recent letters to me Miss Small said: "My grandparents lived near your Harrison grandparents in Polk County, Arkansas, until late in 1859 when my grandparents moved to Clark County, Arkansas, where they lived until death. My mother, whose maiden name was Roena Hawkins, told me many times about two of your Aunts, Jane and Nancy Harrison, who were twins and about thirteen years of age in 1858. Being near the same age, my mother and her Cousins, Nancy and Jane, had a lot of pleasure together and loved each other as long as they lived. Your Aunt Jane named one of her daughters for my mother. My mother said that your grandmother Harrison assigned to Jane and Nancy the responsibility for looking after their little twin brothers, Jim and Harvey, then about two years old. Jane was supposed to take care of Jim and Nancy had charge of Harvey. Mother said that the girls referred to the twin boys as 'my baby' and 'your baby'. She said that the boys looked so much alike that their sister-guardians often got them mixed up and had to ask their mother to straighten them out and tell 'their babies' apart." The baby Jim, of course, was my father.

Herman Hawkins of Nashville, Arkansas, another grandchild of my great-aunt Rachel, lent me a copy of a teaching contract between his grandfather, David Hawkins, and the heads of families in Polk County, Arkansas, for a 'Common English School'. Because of the sacredness of the document to the Hawkins family, I had copies made of it and returned the original to him at once. The contract with David Hawkins, the teacher, was dated March 24, 1859. David contracted to teach to the best of his ability reading, writing and arithmetic, the school to be taught at a house to be built by the parents for that purpose. He agreed to run the school for a period of a six months term, five days a week, and four weeks a month, with usual school hours. David bound himself to have special regard for the morals of said school and to keep order. The subscribers to the contract in effect agreed that if there were unruly big boys they could be expelled from school without protest and with no refunds of fees paid for them. The subscribers further agreed to pay to the said David Hawkins at the expiration of the said school term of six months \$6.00 per scholar. My grandfather, Daniel B. Harrison, signed the contract for five of his children, and his brother-in-law, William C. Jopling - the spelling of the name was later changed by the family to Joplin - signed up for three of his children for the full six months term, and one for a 1/2 term. The children of my Harrison grandparents old enough to attend school in 1859, were my Aunts Roxana, Jane and Nancy, and my Uncles William Henry, Thomas B. (Tom), and Nathaniel.

Miss Florence Hawkins, who lives alternately with her brother Herman at Nashville, Arkansas, and her sister Opa Ann at Hot Springs, Arkansas, has graciously given me a number of priceless old letters that her grandmother Rachel Harrison Hawkins received from Harrison relatives. Among the letters were two from my Uncle Tom Harrison, and one each from Aunt Jane Harrison (Mrs. Tyra) Reece and Roxana (Mrs. William P.) Oliver. Aunt Roxana's letter was dated February 26, 1873, and posted at Cauthan Post Office, Red River County, Texas. In the letter to her Aunt Rachel, Aunt Roxana inquired about and sent her love to her Uncle Albert Daniel Harrison, who also lived in Clark County, Arkansas. She asked that her Aunt Rachel and her Uncle Albert and the members of their families please write to her more often. She listed her five children at that time by name, and praised Texas! She urged her Aunt Rachel and her Uncle Albert to move to this State. Aunt Roxana thrillingly reported that "this country is improving fast". She said: "The railroad will be running to Clarks-ville, our county seat, by next fall."

Uncle Tom's letters to his Aunt Rachel were written on May 25, 1885, and June 30, of the same year. He told his Aunt where all of his brothers and sisters then alive were residing. He said that all except Roxana who lived in Titus County, Texas, and Harvey, who lived in Red River County, Texas, were living in Fannin County, Texas, all but one near Leonard. The substance of his two letters is somewhat as follows: "Jim lives in 300 yards of me, Belzonria 2 miles, Jane and Catherine 1/2 mile, and Nancy several miles away - close to Wolfe City. Bill Fite, Catherine's husband, died in Denton County last November. I went over to Denton County and moved Sis and her children near me. Sister Susan died last December and left two boys and two girls. Both Susan and Bill died of pneumonia. Tyra Reece, Jane's husband, and John Fleming, Nancy's husband, are preaching. Cousin Daniel R. Harrison of Smith County, Texas, came to see us last winter. He is coming back next summer for our meeting. We have camp meetings every summer. Please come and see us then and bring Uncle Albert with you. If you can't come, please send us your picture and Uncle Albert's picture. If you cannot come and we never meet again in this world, I hope that we will meet in yonder's world."

Uncle Tom concluded one of his letters by telling how he was getting along and praising Texas! In the conclusion he said: "I bought a farm three years ago and have made money on it ever since I traded for it. I live 3 miles from Red River. The country between me and the River is thickly settled. I live 200 yards from a good railroad and only 1/2 mile from Leonard. Corn is selling for 50 cts a bushel, wheat 80 cts, oats 30 cts, bacon 10 cts a pound. Texas is a fine state and as for myself I am satisfied!"

Aunt Jane wrote her Aunt Rachel on July 11, 1885, telling her of her sorrow over the deaths of her sister Susie and her sister Catherine's husband, Bill Fite. She gave a report on her living brothers and sisters, the state of their health, the number of their children at the time, and stated that her grandmother, Nancy (Mrs. Silas M.) Jopling in Polk County, Arkansas, then 85, was still alive. Aunt Jane said that her husband was a preacher and that she and he had 9 children, and that all of them "big enough to know" belonged to the church. Aunt Jane made a plea for a picture of her Aunt Rachel and her Uncle Albert, saying plaintively, "If I can't see you all I sure want your pictures." Like her sister, Roxana, and her brother Tom, Aunt Jane praised the Lone Star State! In the opening paragraph of her letter Aunt Jane said: "We have a good country. We have been living here 9 years. We have a good location and a nice farm. We have a healthy place, good winter, good society, and good people."

Papa and Uncle Harvey were twins, spiritually as well as physically. Because of this fact the members of their two families have always been very close. One day when Papa and Uncle Harvey were about 14 years of age, they were helping a man who was felling forest trees on their father's Arkansas farm. The man was up in the trees cutting off limbs. Papa and Uncle Harvey were lifting the limbs as they hit the ground and placing them on racks and sawing them in two. The man lost his grip on his axe and it flew down and struck my father in the face. Luckily he wasn't killed by the axe. The axe cut his upper lip apart and made a gash on the right side of his face. Early in his young manhood Papa grew an attractive mustache to hide the ugly scar on his lip. Only once did he have the mustache shaved off. For the first time in our lives my mother, my brothers and sister and I saw the awful scar. All of us, including Papa himself, were greatly relieved when his mustache grew back. Except for the scar on his face, which grew less pronounced as his age advanced, Papa and Uncle Harvey remained almost identical twins as long as they both lived. Their twin sisters, Aunt Nancy and Aunt Jane, got them mixed up when they were babies. As long as they lived, others, including members of their immediate families, got them mixed up too.

When Papa and Uncle Harvey were young men, Papa went from Leonard to Cherry in Red River County to visit Uncle Harvey. A few years before Uncle Harvey died he told me that he was engaged to a beautiful young lady at that time. Desiring to show his twin brother, Jim, a good time, he asked his fiancee to arrange a date with one of her girl friends for him, which she did. After Papa arrived, and a friend of Uncle Harvey couldn't tell which was he and which was his visiting brother, Uncle Harvey developed the clever idea that it would be fun to switch dates without telling the girls. Uncle Harvey got along fine with Papa's date. Papa did well most of the Sunday with Uncle Harvey's sweetheart. He and Uncle Harvey's girl rode their horses from her house to church in the morning and back home for Sunday dinner with her parents. They rode to the church again Sunday afternoon for "Sunday Singing", and back home for supper. Until after the supper, neither the girl nor her parents suspected what had happened. She discovered the practical joke that moonlit night when once more they were riding back to the church for the evening service - shame on him, Papa was not romantic! Uncle Harvey had neglected one small detail - he neglected to tell Papa that he and the girl were engaged. As soon as the twins and their dates arrived at the church Uncle Harvey's fiancee broke her engagement, and Uncle Harvey's heart! She refused to see the humor in the incident. A good time was not had by all. Later on, Uncle Harvey was glad it turned out as it did. He met Mattie Grant and fell in love with and married and adored her as long as she lived.

Once upon a time, at our home in Myra, Texas, Papa and Uncle Harvey changed suits and ties before coming to breakfast. They reversed the seating positions that my mother had previously assigned to them and called each other by the other's name. They fooled Mama and Aunt Mattie and all of the children in both families, until my older brother Virgil noticed Papa's scar on the right side of his face and exposed the fraud! Everybody laughed and thoroughly enjoyed their breakfast. No one present ever forgot the incident.

At one time or another I met all of Papa's brothers and sisters, with the exceptions of course of Uncle William Henry, Uncle Nathaniel and Aunt Susan, all of whom died before I was born. Papa and his brothers and sisters had a wholesome sense of humor. A cheerful, friendly lot, they were kind and good, but of course none was perfect and none pretended perfection. While they had their share of foibles and frailties, in the main they were among the best of the good people of their generation. I am sure that all of them now are with the angels. May God rest their souls in peace and let His light shine upon them forever.

Roxanna Harrison and William P. Oliver Family

William P. Oliver and Roxanna Harrison were married at the Dallas, Arkansas home of her parents, March 6, 1860, in the presence of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel B. Harrison and many friends.

William P. Oliver

Born Hardeman Co., Tenn., Aug. 23, 1837
 Died in Titus Co., Texas, Feb. 4, 1911
 Buried in Binion Cemetery, Talco,
 Titus County

Roxanna Harrison

Born Tishomingo Co., Miss., Jan. 9, 1844
 Died in Gavinsville, Red River County,
 Texas, October 30, 1903
 Buried in Binion Cemetery

Their children were as follows:

-DeWitt Clinton (Dee) Oliver

Born at Dallas, Ark., Dec. 18, 1860
 Married Beakie Wynn at Talco in 1882
 Married Maud Graf at Talco, Titus Co.,
 Texas, Feb. 14, 1895
 Died at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, April 10,
 1845
 Buried at Farmer's Academy, near Mt.
 Pleasant

-Harvey Oliver

Born south of Clarksville, Oct. 15, 1871
 Died at Talco, March 21, 1888
 Buried in Binion Cemetery

-Huston B. Oliver

Born south of Clarksville, Texas,
 February 27, 1864
 Died at Leonard, Texas, August 23,
 1887
 Buried in Binion Cemetery

-Pearle Ann Oliver

Born south of Clarksville, Feb. 1, 1874
 Married W. H. Hill at Welch Bridge at
 Talco, June 4, 1899
 Died at Bagwell, Red River County,
 Texas, October 28, 1909
 Buried at Shamrock Church Cemetery
 near Bagwell

-Joseph Clay (Joe) Oliver

Born south of Clarksville, Dec. 1, 1867
 Married Abelia Morzanson at Wilkinson,
 Titus Co., Texas, Feb. 28, 1890
 Died at Talco, Oct. 10, 1904
 Buried in Binion Cemetery

-Elijah Oliver

Born south of Clarksville, Dec. 17, 1875
 Died at Gavinsville, Feb. 4, 1903
 Buried in Binion Cemetery

-Laura Lee Oliver

Born south of Clarksville, Oct. 15,
 1869
 Died at Talco, Nov. 25, 1886
 Buried in Binion Cemetery

-John Franklin Oliver

Born south of Clarksville, Jan. 21, 1878
 Died at Talco, March 28, 1888
 Buried in Binion Cemetery

-William Bluford (Bill) Oliver

Born at Talco, April 10, 1883
 Married Lucy Pemberton at Talco,
 April 12, 1903
 Address: 720 N. Fillmore Street,
 Amarillo, Texas

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Sarah Jane Harrison and Rev. Tyra Pickens Reece Family

Rev. Tyra Reece and Jane Harrison were married at the home of her parents at Dallas, Arkansas, Jan. 26, 1860, in the presence of the Harrison family and many friends.

Tyra Pickens Reece

Born Pickens District, S.C., July 4, 1838
Died in Erath Co., Texas, Jan. 25, 1916
Buried Wesley Chapel Cemetery near
Murchfield, Texas

Their children were as follows:

-Nancy Roena Reece
Born in Arkansas, Jan. 16, 1861
Married William F. Howard, Nov. 25, 1880
Died November 10, 1938
Buried at Wesley Chapel Cemetery

-Georgia Anne Reece
Born in Arkansas, Jan. 4, 1863
Married William J. Harris, Mar. 16, 1890
Died January 20, 1938
Buried at Wesley Chapel Cemetery

-Rev. Eli Denton Reece
Born Red River Co., Texas, Apr. 21, 1865
Married Frances Cornelius Bullock,
February 24, 1887
Married Amelia Curlee at Estellene,
Texas, on Seminary Hill, Fort Worth,
Texas, Nov. 11, 1912
Died at Fort Worth, Texas, March 3, 1940
Buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Ft. Worth

-Isah S. Reece
Born Grayson Co., Texas, March 6, 1868
Married Tabby Stephens, Nov. 25, 1889
Address: Lipan, Texas

-Sarah Elizabeth Reece
Born Grayson County, Aug. 27, 1870
Died at Benton, Ark., Oct. 12, 1873
Buried at Benton

-William Lee Reece *Dallas, Arkansas*
Born at Leonard, Texas, Oct. 16, 1872
Married Irene Harris, Dec. 21, 1899
Address: 501 Seventh St., Brownwood, Texas

-Cerepta Reece
Born at Leonard, August 4, 1875
Married Sam C. Pumroy in 1898
Died April 2, 1899
Buried at Shady Grove

Sarah Jane Harrison

Born Tishomingo Co., Miss., Feb. 1, 1845
Died in Erath Co., March 24, 1924
Buried at Wesley Chapel Cemetery

-Orpa Bell Reece
Born at Leonard, Dec. 19, 1877
Married Butler Baker
Died in Erath County, April 10, 1923
Buried in Erath County, Texas

-Rev. Thomas Elijah Reece
Born at Leonard, May 6, 1880
Married Marguerette Lola Robertson,
September 22, 1901
Address: Trenton, Texas

-Carthenia Mae Reece
Born at Leonard, December 23, 1883
Married Rev. John J. Gentry, Aug. 25, 1901
Address: 1303 N. 1st St., Lamesa, Texas

-Oscar E. Reece
Born at Leonard, Oct. 4, 1885
Married Peruvia Cascy, Jan. 21, 1911
Address: Tolar, Texas

-Lula B. Reece
Born at Leonard, Dec. 16, 1888
Married James Elam, April 7, 1909
Died November 29, 1918
Buried at Shady Grove

-Roy H. Reece
Born at Leonard, February 26, 1893
Married Bertha Keene, Jan. 11, 1914
Business address: First National Bank
Building, Houston 2, Texas
Residence address: 1536 Vermont St.,
Houston 6, Texas

Nancy M. Harrison and John L. Fleming Family

John L. Fleming and Nancy M. Harrison were married in Red River County, Texas, September 2, 1865.

John L. Fleming

Born in White County, Tenn.,
December 5, 1843
Lied at Stigler, Oklahoma
November 24, 1925
Buried in the Stigler Cemetery

Nancy M. Harrison

Born Tishomingo County, Miss.,
February 1, 1845
Died at Hoyt, Okla., Dec. 23, 1943
Buried in the Stigler Cemetery

Their children were as follows:

-William Alfred (Willie) Fleming
Born near Clarksville, Texas, October 21, 1866
Married Roxie Anna Crawford, August 5, 1888
Married Ophalene Tally, August 5, 1903
Died at Paris, Texas, July 27, 1945
Buried at Pecan Gap, Texas
His first wife is buried at Pecan Gap
His second wife is buried at Ladonia, Texas

-James Harvey Fleming
Born at Dallas, Arkansas, November 16, 1876
Married Clatie Durham, December 2, 1897
Died at Wolfe City, Texas, August 19, 1916
Buried beside his wife at the Wolfe City Cemetery

Thomas Bluford (Tom) and Margaret Gordon Harrison Family

Thomas Bluford Harrison and Margaret Gordon were married at Waldron, Arkansas, November 24, 1868.

Thomas Bluford Harrison

Born at Dallas, Ark., July 10, ¹⁸⁵⁰ 1849
Died at Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 3, 1927
Buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery
at Tulsa

Their children were as follows:

-Mollie Harrison
Born at Waldron, Arkansas
Died at Waldron
Buried in the Waldron Cemetery

-William Henry Harrison
Born at Waldron, January 10, 1873
Married Edith Issic at Pendleton, Oregon, October 5, 1904
Married Mrs. Faye Phillips, a widow, whose maiden name was
Faye Williams, at Beaumont, Texas, on June 17, 1939
Died at Beaumont, January 9, 1943
Buried in the Forrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Beaumont
(His widow's address, Mrs. Henry Harrison, is P. O. Box 2947,
Beaumont, Texas)

-John (Johnny) Harrison
Born near Clarksville, Texas
Married Pearl Bookout at Idabel, Oklahoma, December 24, 1910
Died at Idabel, April 22, 1921
Buried in the Idabel Cemetery

-Ila Harrison
Born near Clarksville, April 13, 1882
Married Hans Edward Carver at Minneapolis, Minn., May 27, 1912
Address: 1332 East 3rd St., Tulsa, Oklahoma

Catherine Harrison and William Fite Family

William Fite and Catherine Harrison were married at Waldron, Arkansas, at the home of her father and stepmother, on August 24, 1871, in the presence of the family and numerous friends.

William Fite

Born in Tennessee, Nov. 30, 1848
 Died in Denton County, Texas
 Buried at Aubrey in Denton County

Their children were as follows:

-Lula E. Fite

Born at Waldron, April 29, 1873
 Died at Waldron, Sept. 15, 1876
 Buried at Waldron

-Etta May Fite

Born at Waldron, Dec. 10, 1874
 Address: Miss Etta Fite, Spur, Texas

-Edgar Fite

Born Red River Co., Tex., Jan. 31, 1878
 Died in Red River Co., Oct. 29, 1879
 Buried in Red River County

-Maud Fite

Born in Denton Co., Tex., April 5, 1879
 Married Robert S. Grimes, July 4, 1899
 Died at Dallas, Texas, March 9, 1932
 Buried in ~~Hill~~ Hill Cemetery at Dallas

-Claud D. Fite

Born in Denton Co., Oct. 2, 1880
 Married Annie Dotey at Marysville, Cooke Co., Texas, December 18, 1907
 Died at Ringgold, Tex., Feb. 27, 1936
 Buried in the Ringgold Cemetery

Catherine Harrison

Born at Dallas, Ark., April 1, 1854
 Died at Spur, Texas, April 27, 1947

-Lela Fite

Born in Denton Co., Feb. 27, 1882
 Married Julian S. Evans at Dallas, Texas, April 26, 1903
 Address: Mrs. Lela Evans, Spur, Texas

-Minnie Fite

Born at Leonard, Tex., June 17, 1885
 Married Chester C. Matthews, Dec. 7, 1920
 Address: 915 Shady Lane, Austin, Tex.

-Fred Fite *

Born at Leonard, Jan. 28, 1891
 Married Mayme Squires in 1915
 Address: Lubbock, Texas

-Eddie Fite *

Born at Leonard, Jan. 28, 1891
 Married W. C. Gruben in June, 1913
 Died March 4, 1914
 Buried in the Spur Cemetery

* Twins

James J. (Jim) and Savannah Elizabeth Dial Harrison Family

James J. Harrison and Savannah Elizabeth Dial were married at the home of her parents, Andrew H. and Mary Jane Carder (Dial) Pickens in Fannin County, near Wolfe City, Texas, on November 22, 1883.

James Johnson (Jim) Harrison

Born at Dallas, Ark., April 16, 1856
 Died at Dallas, Tex., Aug. 31, 1943
 Buried at Laurel Land Cemetery at Dallas

Savannah Elizabeth Dial

Born in Alabama, Oct. 16, 1861
 Died at Dallas, Texas, June 22, 1930
 Buried at Laurel Land Cemetery, Dallas

Their children were as follows:

-Beulah Harrison

Born at Leonard, Texas, Oct. 15, 1884
 Died at Leonard, July 11, 1888
 Buried in the Leonard Cemetery

-Gay Belle Harrison

Born at Gober, Fannin Co., Texas, April 18, 1892
 Married Reugen F. Spivey at the home of her parents, Waxahachie, Ellis Co., Texas, May 29, 1917
 Died at Dallas, Texas, Jan. 16, 1939
 Buried by her parents, Laurel Land Cemetery at Dallas

-James Virgil Harrison

Born at Leonard, Feb. 5, 1887
 Married Jennie Matheson at her home at Shannon, Texas, Sept. 14, 1910
 Business address: 241 Nacol Bldg., Wichita Falls, Texas
 Residence address: 1900 Monroe St., Wichita Falls, Texas

-Andrew Hastings Harrison

Born at Leonard, Nov. 20, 1894
 Married Fay Farmer, of Dawson, Navarro Co., Texas, Dec. 14, 1919
 Business address: 1027-1028 National City Bldg., Dallas 1, Texas
 Residence address: 4316 West Potomac, Dallas 5, Texas

-Eula Harrison

Born at Leonard, Jan. 30, 1890
 Died at Gober, Sept. 18, 1891
 Buried in the Leonard Cemetery

-Hubert Daniel Harrison

Born at Leonard, December 10, 1896
 Married May Sanderson at the home of her parents in Ennis, Tex., Apr. 18, 1926
 Married Billie McIntosh at the home of Fay and Hastings Harrison at Dallas, May 16, 1946
 Business address: "Harrison's", Waxahachie, Texas
 Residence address: Ferris Avenue, Waxahachie, Texas

John Harvey and Mattie Grant Harrison Family

Harvey Harrison married Mattie Grant at the home of her father, Arch Grant, near Clarksville, Texas, December 24, 1882.

John Harvey Harrison

Born at Dallas, Ark., April 16, 1856
Died at Detroit, Red River County,
Texas, January 3, 1923
Buried in the Detroit Cemetery

Mattie Grant

Born in Tennessee, July 21, 1858
Died at Detroit, October 26, 1914
Buried in the Detroit Cemetery

Their children were as follows:

-Verna Harrison

Born at Cherry, near Clarksville, September 13, 1883
Died at Cherry, February 3, 1886
Buried at Shamrock Cemetery near Bagwell, Texas

-Daniel Grant Harrison

Born at Cherrry, November 5, 1886
Married Ida Upchurch at home of her parents at Detroit, January 8, 1908
Residence address: Detroit, Texas

-Vera Harrison

Born at Cherry, August 22, 1889
Married Dock Gaddie at home of her parents at Detroit, December 1, 1907
Residence address: Detroit, Texas

-Virgie Harrison

Born at Cherry, July 14, 1892
Married Fred Ellison at home of her parents at Detroit, January 21, 1914
Residence address: Detroit, Texas

-Vida Harrison

Born at Cherry, December 1, 1895
Married Clyde E. Neighbors at the home of her widowed father, December 4, 1919
Residence address: 729 Dover Street, Dallas, Texas

Susan (Susie) Harrison and Charles Manor Family

My father told me long before his death that his sister, Susan, came directly to Leonard, Texas, from Waldron, Arkansas. He said that she married Charles Manor about 1876. I think he also said that they married at Leonard, Texas, but it may have been Waldron, Arkansas, instead.

Uncle Thomas Bluford Harrison wrote a letter on June 30, 1885, from his home at Leonard, Texas, to his Aunt Rachel Adline Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins in Clark County, Arkansas. The letter was given to me recently by Miss Florence Hawkins, a granddaughter of Rachel and David Hawkins. In his letter Uncle Tom told his Aunt Rachel that his sister Susan died in December of the previous year, 1884, of pneumonia, and left four children, two boys and two girls. My Cousin Etta Fife remembers three of the children as Ozie, Laura and Luther. She said Ozie married and had three children, having died at the birth of the third child.

I have made a wide search of all close relatives for Aunt Susan's husband and their descendants. Some say Luther lived in or near Lubbock, Texas, a few years ago. I have corresponded with the Mayor, ministers, the Retail Merchants Association, and others at Lubbock, all of whom have said if Luther ever lived in that vicinity they did not know him, and that he does not live there now. I have probed every clue given by relatives to find my late Aunt Susan's family, to no avail. Much to my sorrow, I must report that Aunt Susan's husband and their children and all descendants must be listed among "missing persons" - the "lost tribe" of the 12 children of Rev. Daniel B. Harrison and Elizabeth (Joplin) Harrison.

Opa Ann (Opie) Harrison and Radolphus (Buck) Stephens Family

Opa Ann Harrison married Radolphus Stephens at Leonard, Texas, on Nov. 25, 1880.

Opa Ann (Opie) Harrison

Born in Dallas, Ark., April 22, 1860
 Died at Torrence, Calif., Feb. 17, 1932
 Buried at Roosevelt Cemetery in Torrence

Their children were as follows:

-Arthur Stephens
 Born at Leonard, Texas, Aug. 30, 1881
 Married Erien Morrow, Okmulgee, Okla., June 6, 1906
 Business address: P.O. Box 1275, Harbor City, California
 Residence address: 25856 Senator Ave., Harbor City, California

-Ollie Stephens
 Born at Leonard, July 17, 1884
 Died at Morse, Okla., Aug. 1, 1907
 Buried in the Morse Cemetery

-Neal Stephens
 Born at Leonard, Feb. 7, 1886
 Married Lula Nichols at Morse, Oct. 5, 1907
 Address: 1190 Ohio St., Gridley, Calif.

-Dee Stephens
 Born at Leonard, Sept. 17, 1888
 Married Ethel Dawson at Okemah, Okla.
 Address: Route 4, Okemah, Oklahoma

-Bonnie Stephens
 Born at Leonard, Dec. 30, 1890
 Died at Morse, April 6, 1917
 Buried in the Morse Cemetery

Radolphus (Buck) Stephens

Born in Tennessee, Jan. 5, 1857
 Died at Morse, Oklahoma, April 2, 1947
 Buried in the Morse Cemetery

-Wesley Stephens
 Born at Ada, Oklahoma, July 7, 1894
 Died at Ada, Nov. 24, 1902
 Buried at or near Ada

-Emma Stephens
 Born at Ada, Feb. 21, 1897
 Married Robert Luther Butler at Morse, Oklahoma, September 15, 1915
 Address: 432 Santa Cruz, San Pedro, California

-Ella Stephens
 Born at Ada, Oct. 11, 1899
 Married Wm. C. Chauncey, Los Angeles, California, July 26, 1926
~~Address: Route 1, Box 345, Gridley, California~~
~~418 E. Date St.~~
 Oxnard, California

-Hugh Stephens
 Born at Ada, April 26, 1902
 Address: 837 Armijo, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Note: Aunt Opie was married under the name of Opa Ann Harrison. She was christened under the name of Orpa Ann. Aunt Jane's daughter, Orpa Bell, was named for Aunt Opie and Aunt Belle.

Belzonia Harrison and John Wesley Howard Family

Belzonia Harrison and John Wesley Howard were married at Leonard, Texas, December 30, 1880.

Belzonia Harrison

Born at Dallas, Ark., May 17, 1862
 Died at Lipan, Palo Pinto County,
 Texas, June 21, 1925
 Buried in the Evergreen Cemetery
 at Lipan

John Wesley Howard

Born in Tennessee, March 14, 1855
 Died at Lipan, January 4, 1922
 Buried in the Evergreen Cemetery
 at Lipan

Their children were as follows:

-Margaret Jane (Janie) Howard
 Born at Leonard, June 29, 1883
 Married Cordis Orvil Gabriel, near Lipan, Sept. 26, 1906
 Address: Box 155, Mineral Wells, Texas

-James Franklin (Frank) Howard
 Born at Leonard, May 9, 1885
 Married Gatsy Scars near Lipan, Sept. 5, 1915
 Address: Route 2, Box 108A, Mineral Wells, Texas

-Dora Belle Howard
 Born at Leonard, Aug. 9, 1887
 Married W. F. Masterson near Lipan, Dec. 24, 1911
 Address: P. O. Box 92, Cresson, Texas

-Cora Nancy Howard
 Born near Bluffdale, Texas, Oct. 9, 1889
 Married Ira Masterson near Lipan, Aug. 9, 1908
 Died near Rule, Texas, Oct. 21, 1934
 Buried in the Evergreen Cemetery at Lipan

-Terry Howard
 Born near Bluffdale, Feb. 18, 1892
 Married Mac Compton of Lipan, Nov. 23, 1913
 Address: Lipan, Texas

-Lillie Gertrude Howard
 Born near Lipan, Feb. 21, 1899
 Married Wilson T. Dunaway at Lipan, Dec. 17, 1917
 Address: Route 1, Box 212, Mineral Wells, Texas

THE JAMES JOHNSON (JIM) HARRISON and SAVANNAH ELIZABETH (DIAL) HARRISON FAMILY

My father and mother, Jim Harrison and Savannah Dial, were married on the evening of November 22, 1883, at the home of Savannah's parents, Andrew H. Pickens and Mary Jane (Carder-Dial) Pickens, near Wolfe City, in Fannin County, Texas. T. L. Miller, a Presbyterian minister, officiated. Jim Wilson, partner of Jim Harrison, in the furniture and undertaking business at Leonard, Texas, was "best man". The entire wedding party, including the minister, spent the night at the Pickens farm residence. The next day two horse-drawn buggies left for Leonard, a distance of about sixteen miles. The bride and bridegroom rode in one buggy and Jim Wilson and my Aunt Allie Pickens, a sister of the bride, rode in the other. They arrived at Leonard in time for a big dinner party given by the bridegroom's sister, Jane, and her husband, "Parson" Tyra Reece. It is interesting to note the fact that Aunt Allie later married Reese Harrison, cousin, once removed, of my late father.

Savannah Dial's father, Isaac Hastings Dial, was a private in the 22nd Alabama Infantry Regiment of volunteers. He enlisted at Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, on September 1, 1862. He died of typhoid fever and battle fatigue at Ringgold, Catoosa Springs, Catoosa County, Georgia, on January 19, 1863. Savannah, my mother, was only fifteen months old at that time. She had an older sister, Mary Etta Dial, so she told me, who died when she was about four years of age.

My mother was about five years of age when her widowed mother, Mary Jane (Carder-Dial) married Andrew H. Pickens, in a log cabin on Lost Mountain, in Cobb County, Georgia. Immediately after the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Pickens, with Savannah Dial and my grandmother Pickens's parents, John W. Carder and Mary Carder, and other relatives, set out for Fannin County, Texas, in a caravan of covered wagons, mostly oxen-drawn.

For all intents and purposes "Grandpa" Pickens was, indeed, and in truth, my mother's father. Both regarded their relationship and loved each other as father and daughter. Although "Grandpa" never legally adopted her, he did adopt her in his heart and in all of the acts of his life toward her, including his last will and testament. In his will, after remembering his second wife, "Grandpa" said, "I leave the remainder of my property to my 'seven' children, share and share alike, naming Savannah first and then the other six in the order of their respective ages." The six other children loved Savannah as much as they loved each other and she adored them. Because her mother died long before she did, she, to some extent, took their mother's place in their lives as well as her normal place as their oldest sister. I was named "Andrew Hastings" Harrison in honor of my mother's "fathers", Isaac Hastings Dial and Andrew H. Pickens. My father and his twin brother, Harvey, moved from Waldron, Arkansas, to Texas, after the death of their father, Reverend Daniel Bluford Harrison. They were nineteen years of age at that time. They settled and farmed in Red River County, Texas, near Cherry. In a couple of years Papa moved to Leonard, where, with Jim Wilson as a partner, he established a furniture and funeral business. The business is owned and operated at the present time by Pat Wilson, a younger son of the late Jim Wilson. He is using the same safe that my father and Jim Wilson used when they were partners, with the gold letters at the top, "Harrison and Wilson".

JAMES JOHNSON (JIM) HARRISON AND SAVANNAH ELIZABETH DIAL HARRISON



Savannah Elizabeth Dial
(Mrs. James J.) Harrison



James J. (Jim) Harrison
celebrates his 84th
birthday in Dallas,
April 16, 1940

When I was four years of age my parents moved from Leonard, to Myra, Cooke County, Texas, of which Gainesville is the county seat. At Myra, my father operated a thriving hardware and furniture business until it was tragically destroyed by fire. When Papa learned of the fire and saw it, he was shocked beyond expression. By the time he had dressed and run to the store, the building and everything in it had been burned. The fire occurred in mid-winter. There was no fire department and the water pipe in the windmill in the center of the village that provided water for the more than five hundred residents of Myra was frozen. Papa's judgment against the Company for his fire insurance still stands on the records at the Cooke County courthouse in Gainesville, but no part of it was ever paid. The Company had been declared insolvent a few days before the fire. Policy holders had not been notified.

Papa's business establishment burned in 1904. I was ill of pneumonia at the time and was not allowed to sit up, even in bed. But that night there was such excitement in our house that everyone forgot about me. I sat up in bed and watched the fire up town through a window in my bedroom. As a lad of eight, the fire was an exciting event to me. My father never fully recovered from the shock caused by the loss of his business. After years of struggle and great privations, Papa and Mama and we, their children, paid all of Papa's business debts. This was done in spite of the fact that no insurance was received and a number of people who owed Papa substantial accounts did not pay him.

Soon after the fire occurred, the first Rural Free Delivery mail route in the history of Cooke County was established. My father won appointment to the position through competitive and oral examinations. For several years he carried the mail and, with the aid of his family, farmed the twenty three acres of land we owned within the city limits of Myra. One fall, when Ringling Brothers Circus had come to Gainesville and everybody at Myra seemed to be going to see it, Papa told me and my younger brother, Hubert, that he would make his route in a hurry and get back home by noon and take us to Gainesville, twelve miles away, for the circus that night, provided we each had picked 150 pounds of cotton by noon. This was a hard task, especially for me, for I was not a fast cotton picker like my younger brother. "Yield not to temptation" was not written for young boys in such a circumstance! We picked everything in sight that morning, burrs and bolls and, may Heaven help us, a few pebbles, as well as cotton. The scales were never more cooperative. The circus and the rare comradeship of our father were grand. My older brother, Virgil, was a student at Trinity University, at Waxahachie, Texas, that year. My late sister, Gay, remained at home with Mama. She had seen the circus before.

My mother, a staunch Presbyterian, was a great believer in higher education. She studiously read the Bible and "The Cumberland Presbyterian" and its successor, "The Presbyterian Advance", monthly magazines of her denomination, and all books our limited budget could afford. It was on her plea that the family moved to Waxahachie, Texas, in 1910. Trinity University, a Presbyterian institution, now at San Antonio, Texas, was located there. Virgil and Gay entered Trinity and Hubert and I attended the public schools. Papa became lonesome. He soon resigned his position as mail carrier and joined us at Waxahachie. He went into the Nursery-Brokerage business and continued in it until old age and failing health forced him to retire. At Waxahachie, we lived in a two-story frame house, which was located diagonally across the street from the Trinity campus and on an opposite corner of the street from the Beeson Hall for young men. Many of the most successful men who ever went to school at Trinity lived or visited often in our home. They surely owe a deep debt of gratitude to my mother for the wisdom of her counsel and the sympathetic and helpful interest she took in their welfare.

In 1918, my father and mother moved to Dallas, where both of them lived until death took them away. Papa often said, "I was born in Dallas, and I want to die in Dallas", and he did. The news stories of his death mentioned the significant coincidence that James J. Harrison, who was in his 88th year, was born at Dallas, Arkansas, and had lived for many years prior to his death in Dallas, Texas.

Both loyal Presbyterians, Papa and Mama were considerate of and respectful toward not only members of other Protestant denominations but also toward adherents of other religious faiths. At Leonard, and in Myra, Mama was president of the Women's Missionary Society and very active in her church. She and Papa helped to organize the Presbyterian Churches in both places. Even though they were just a young married couple at the time, they pledged and paid \$500.00, as did Jim Wilson and his wife, the two biggest gifts, toward the construction of the first Presbyterian Church building at Leonard.

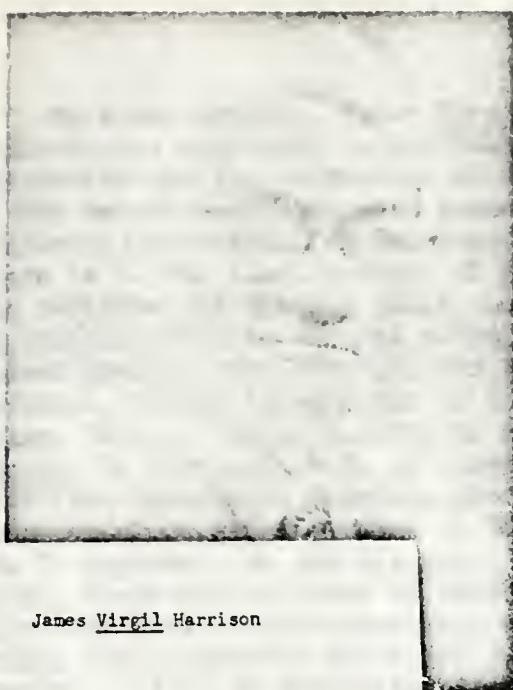
My mother was practical and fair. She was intelligent and understanding. The highlights of my many visits home after I was grown were my private talks with Mama. Although she has been dead many years, she is inspiringly alive in my heart. Mama was sacrificial to the nth degree for her children. She was one of the most honorable and worthy women who ever graced this earth.

Papa was clean, physically and mentally. My good and gracious wife of some thirty two years, Fay Farmer Harrison, often has said, "Grandpa", - that was what she and our children called Papa - "was systematic and orderly in his habits and daily conduct. No matter how old or frayed his suits might be at times, he kept them as he kept himself, neat and clean and tidy to the very last of his long days." I never heard my father tell a dirty story or use a profane word. Friendly, industrious, sincere and rigidly honest, he was altogether one of the best men I have ever known.

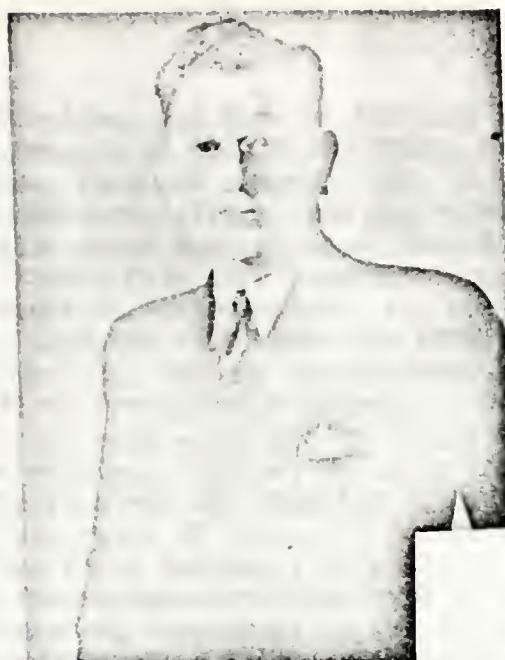
Beulah, the eldest daughter of James J. (Jim) Harrison and Savannah Elizabeth (Dial) Harrison, was born at Leonard, Texas, on October 15, 1884, and died July 11, 1888.

Eula Harrison, the third child, was born at Leonard, on January 30, 1890. She died at Gober, about seven miles from Leonard, on September 18, 1891. Beulah and Eula are buried in the Leonard Cemetery in a lot enclosed with a concrete curb. The nice tombstones that Papa and Mama placed at the heads of their graves more than a half century ago, still stand. My brother, Virgil, was nearly five years old when Eula died. He says he remembers well the sad journey to Leonard for her funeral. My parents had an enlarged framed picture of Beulah. They kept it on an easel until all of us were grown, usually in the living room. At Myra, in 1907, when a family group picture was being taken, Beulah's enlarged picture was placed on the easel in the very center of the group at Mama's request. Beulah had beautiful golden curly hair, locks of which Mama sacredly preserved in the Family Bible. When Beulah was a little girl, Papa and Mama frequently drove from Leonard to Mama's parents' home near Wolfe City, a distance of some sixteen miles - a long drive in those days. At times, when the three of them were riding down hills in the buggy and the horses started going too fast, Mama would say: "Hold them steady Papa, we're going down the hill". Papa would tighten the reins and slow them down. Mama said that as Beulah grew older she began repeating her admonition to Papa on all of their buggy trips. As Beulah died, Mama said that Papa put his hand on her delirious head and that Beulah whispered softly, "Hold them steady, Papa, we're going down the hill".

THE CHILDREN OF JAMES J. AND SAVANNAH HARRISON



James Virgil Harrison



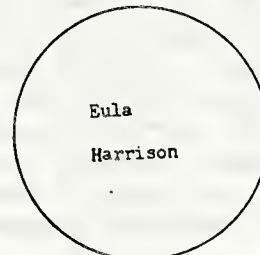
Andrew Hastings Harrison



Hubert Daniel Harrison



Gay Belle Harrison (Mrs.
R. F. Spivey)



Beulah Harrison



Gay Belle Harrison, James Virgil
Harrison, Andrew Hastings Harrison,
and Hubert Daniel Harrison.

My older brother, James Virgil Harrison, was born on February 5, 1887. He obtained his education in the Public Schools of Leonard and Myra, at Trinity University and The University of Texas. Papa was a member and, at times, chairman of the school boards at both Leonard and Myra. Virgil and his wife, Jennie (Matheson) Harrison, for the past twelve years have lived at Wichita Falls, Texas, where he is the local manager of the Kansas City Life Insurance Company. Prior to his residence in Wichita Falls, he taught in various cities for many years, being an administrator in several schools. Carrying with honor the Presbyterian torch handed down by our father, James J. Harrison, and our grandfather, Rev. Daniel B. Harrison, Virgil is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., of Wichita Falls, Texas. Virgil and Jennie have two sons - Dr. Horace Virgil Harrison and Charles B. Harrison, both of whom are married. Horace, an honor student, graduated from Trinity University, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree. Later on as an honor student at The University of Texas, he earned his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees. He and his wife, Wilma Ellen (McGinty) Harrison, live at Austin, Texas, where he, on leave of absence from Midwestern University at Wichita Falls, is a Professor of Latin-American History and Government in The University of Texas, for a semester while the regular professor is doing research work in South America. It is my prediction that The University of Texas in time, and probably soon, will invite him to become a permanent member of the faculty. Charles B. and his wife, Verda Alma (Wells) Harrison, live at Fort Worth, Texas, where Charles is manager of a large Safeway grocery store. He and Verda have one son, Charles Hastings Harrison, who was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, December 20, 1943. In World War II Horace was a Specialist Teacher, Second Class, in the U. S. N. R. for thirty-four months, most of which time he was stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Norman, Oklahoma. He served in the capacity of instructor in airplane mechanics. Charles closed his military service in World War II with the rank of Sergeant in the Army. Most of his time was spent in the Pacific Theatre - New Caledonia, Northern Solomons, the Philippines and Japan.

When Gay and Hubert and I were growing up we called Virgil "Brother" and looked up to him with affection and admiration. On his visits home from school at Trinity University, Hubert and I vied with each other for the privilege of sleeping and having long personal visits with him. On one such occasion Hubert and I had an argument over whose time it was to sleep with "Brother". Both of us chanted loudly, "I'm glad I'm going to get to sleep with 'Brother' tonight". Papa settled the argument in the old-fashioned way and in further punishment sent us to bed together, as usual.

My late sister, Gay Belle Harrison, the only one of my three sisters whom I had the privilege of knowing personally, was born at Gober, Texas, on April 18, 1892. My sisters, Boulah and Eula had died before I was born. Gay spent her childhood at Gober, Leonard and Myra. She received her formal education in the public schools of Myra, in the East Texas State College at Commerce, Texas, and at Trinity University. She taught school for several years in Texas, before her marriage to Reuben F. Spivey, at our parental home in Waxahachie, on May 30, 1917. Virgie Harrison (Mrs. Fred) Ellison and her baby daughter, Virginia, and Vida Harrison (Mrs. Clyde Neighbors), and the late Ethel Harrison Hall honored us by coming to Waxahachie for the wedding. Ethel and Vida were single at that time. Virgie and Vida are daughters of my late Uncle, Harvey Harrison, twin brother of my father. Ethel was the only daughter of Aunt Lillie Pickens Harrison, one of the three sisters of my late mother, and Reese Harrison, my father's cousin, once removed. My older brother, Virgil Harrison's sons, Horace and Charles B. Harrison, both of whom were little boys at that time, were participants in the wedding.

Horace strew flowers in the path of the bride and Charles B. carried the ring and handed it to the minister at the appointed time. Ethel sang "Because". Papa gave the bride away and my younger brother, Hubert, was "best man". Lelia Royall, a chum of the bride, was the Maid of Honor. The late Dr. G. H. Hogan, our Presbyterian Pastor at Waxahachie, performed the wedding ceremony.

Virgie Harrison, before her marriage to Fred Ellison, lived in our home at Waxahachie for two years while a student in Trinity University. Virginia, her baby at Gay's wedding, became a beautiful young woman, the "life of the party" anywhere, and loved by all who knew her. Unfortunately, her life was cut short by tuberculosis that was too far progressed in her robust, athletic body for cure before it was detected. When she knew that her life must shortly end, she requested me to deliver the eulogy at her funeral, which I did as a layman and as a relative.

The late Ethel Harrison Hall, who died on October 9, 1951, and her brothers, Homer Daniel Harrison and Pickens Harrison, and my brothers and my sister and I have always been very close. In the early years of our lives we visited them in their home at Christmas or they visited us. Ethel was one year and three days younger than I. My birthday is on November 20th and hers was on November 23rd. Throughout our lives Ethel and I have loved each other dearly. We have exchanged greetings or presents on our birthdays and at Christmas time. Her death while on a leave of absence from her teaching position in the Tulsa Public Schools where she had been serving for thirteen years, came as a great shock to us. Ethel and my wife's cousin, Florrie Berry, accompanied us on a summer trip to Colorado in 1920. Fay and Ethel were as devoted as if they had been sisters.

My sister, Gay, and her husband, Rogen F. Spivey, moved to Dallas from Waxahachie, Texas, in 1918, and continued to live in Dallas until her death on January 16, 1939, in her forty seventh year. The tragedy of ill health, major operation after major operation, stalked her path-way at intervals from the time of her maturity until God relieved her of her pains. She never murmured or complained. She was an attractive, inspiring and angelic woman who made fast friends in all the circles in which she moved. She was active until the last months of her life as a leader in the Trinity Presbyterian Church, U. S. L., of Dallas, Texas, of which her college classmate, Dr. Jasper Manton, was, and for some twenty years has been the minister. She was buried beside our father and mother in the Laurel Land Cemetery at Dallas.

My sister, Gay, and Mr. Spivey had one son, James Franklin (J. Frank) Spivey. J. Frank was born in Dallas in 1920, on Christmas Day. He and his wife, Ruth Yvonne (Straughn) Spivey, live at Vallejo, California, where he is an Electrical Research Engineer for the General Electric Company. Ruth's parents, Harold William Straughn and Lusetta Straughn live at Stillwater, Oklahoma. Ruth is also a graduate Electrical Engineer. They have a daughter, Patricia Gay, (Patsy Gay) who was born on May 15, 1948, at Syracuse, New York. J. Frank graduated from the Dallas Technical High School just a few days after his mother was buried. Subsequently, he earned the degree of Bachelor of Science at the Texas A & M College. He served for several years as a Technical Sergeant in Radar in World War II, at home and on many of the islands of the Pacific, and spent several months in Japan.

When Gay was in her teens, one of our favorite cousins, Wesley Carder, sent a wedding invitation to the members of our family. Gay sent Wesley and his bride a nice wedding present and enclosed an attractive card on which she wrote: "I wish you wealth, I wish you joys, 16 girls and 24 boys." Mama saw the card and was astonished and told Papa about it. Although Papa regretted it the rest of his life, he punished Gay, the only time he ever did. Gay, of course, was always chaste in thought and deed. She was just having innocent fun. It is interesting to note here, however, that Wesley must have taken her jesting seriously. He and his good wife, Ann, have reared a large family of children!

My younger brother, Hubert Daniel Harrison, was born on December 10, 1896, at Leonard, Texas. He and his wife, Billie (McIntosh) Harrison, live on Ferris Avenue at Waxahachie, Texas. Hubert was nearly three years of age when the family moved to Myra. He obtained his formal education in the public schools at Myra and Waxahachie, and at Trinity University. He served in the Navy during World War I. In his early years he became associated with the music department of Curlin's Drug Stores of Waxahachie and Ennis, Texas. He began his career as a salesman by being assigned one phonograph at a time. When the phonograph assigned to him was sold, he was given another to sell. He received repeated promotions in the Curlin organization. Shortly after Mr. Curlin's premature death, at least twenty five years ago, Hubert acquired the Ennis and Waxahachie music stores from Mrs. Curlin. In the depression years he sold his Ennis store and gave all of his attention to his business in Waxahachie. Through the years he has operated the Waxahachie store under the trade name of "Harrison's". His business includes television, refrigeration, appliances and musical equipment. For many years he has been the Frigidaire representative for his section of the state. He has been a great civic leader in Waxahachie and in Ellis County, and distinguished himself particularly in this regard during the period of World War II. With a rare ability precisely to mimic people, including the singular laugh of our late Aunt Nancy's husband, the late John L. Fleming, he has been an annual attraction at the Waxahachie Minstrel Shows conducted for over twenty five years by the Lions Club, of which he is a former president. Industrious, aggressive, keen minded and with a marked sense of humor, as well as a high sense of honor, Hubert is not only a good mixer and a fine business man but also an extremely popular and highly useful citizen.

On a Sunday afternoon a long time ago when Hubert and I were boys at Myra, we were walking on tall home-made stilts. We saw "Brother Russell", our Presbyterian minister, walking toward our house, we knew to enjoy meditation, Bible reading and prayer with our father. We also knew that if we could beat him to our house we could tell Papa that he was coming and easily obtain permission to visit the Wren boys the remainder of the afternoon. With Papa and "Brother Russell" absorbed in their devotions we could play baseball to our hearts' content. Now, playing baseball on Sunday in those days, if I may say so, was rarely, if ever, permitted by devout parents, especially Presbyterians. So much was at stake that Hubert, a better runner than I, dashed for the house, running as fast as he could on his stilts, taking long strides. Just as he was about to win the race against "Brother Russell's" arrival, one of his stilts failed to negotiate a ditch in front of our house. He was thrown hard to the ground. One of his legs was badly broken. Throughout our lives Hubert and I have shared our sorrows, burdens and joys even as we shared in regrets over the tragedy of that Sunday afternoon.

Frank Aldridge, a chum of Hubert's and mine, upon his plea and on the consent of his Presbyterian father and step-mother, moved to Waxahachie from Myra with us and lived in our home for about two years. Always a good boy, even Frank profited from the wholesome Presbyterian atmosphere at Waxahachie and the wise and loving counsel of my mother. At Gainesville, Texas, where he and his good wife, Marcella (Biffie) Aldridge, have lived for so long, he has served as Chairman of the Board of his Church, President of the Rotary Club and President of the Board of Education. A few years ago I received a letter from him with the conclusion: "Your brother, Frank". I am sure that my mother would be glad to know that Frank has been included in my story of the family.

Since this history of my Harrison family and relatives is being written primarily for my children and their descendants and only incidentally for others who may be interested in it, I believe I shall be forgiven if I dwell more at length and in more detail in writing of my own immediate family than of others.

I was born at Leonard, Texas, on November 20, 1894. My formal education was received in the public schools of Myra and Waxahachie, in Summer Normal Schools at Trinity University, at Estes Park under the sponsorship of the Y. M. C. A., and in the down-town night college of the University of Tulsa. Shortly after writing a little book entitled "Gordon Carr", of which three editions with a total of three thousand volumes were published and sold by Association Press, I was honored by Trinity University in May, 1935, with an award of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Literature.

In World War I, I served as a private in the 134th Infantry, Intelligence Squad, Hdqrs. Co., 34th Division, at home and in England and in France. Over one thousand men in our division died of the flu during the terrible flu epidemic of that period. As a result of our losses in connection with that disease, our division was "busted up". After the war was over all of us were reassigned. I returned home as a member of Co. B., 329th Infantry of the 83rd Division, an Ohio outfit. The 83rd Division had suffered terrible battle casualties and because of this fact it was given the honor of being one of the first divisions to return home as a unit.

I taught History in the public schools at Dawson, Texas, for two years. My wife's sister, Josephine Farmer, was one of my star pupils. I was in the newspaper business for a short time at Corsicana. For one year I was the Boys' Work Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Corsicana, Texas, and for twenty-two years, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., six years at Corsicana, six years at Beaumont, Texas, and ten years at Tulsa, Oklahoma. During the six years in which I served as General Secretary at Beaumont, we raised the funds and constructed a new half million dollar Y. M. C. A. building. Recently the building, site and equipment were appraised at one million dollars.

On February 1, 1952, I shall begin my fourteenth year as the Southwestern Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, with headquarters at Dallas, Texas. The area under my jurisdiction embraces seven states. On December 1, 1941, I was also elected as the first National Vice President of the Conference and still serve in that capacity. The National Conference is an educational organization. It was organized in 1928 by the late Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, the late Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, and the late internationally noted Protestant minister, Dr. S. Parks Cadman. Its purpose is to try to overcome bigotry and religious intolerance and to promote the American ideals of justice, amity, good will and civic cooperation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

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 Miss Fay Farmer of Dawson, Texas, daughter of Mrs. Lewis (French) Farmer and the late John Henry Farmer, and I were married on December 14, 1919. Mr. Farmer was a member of the Dawson School Board when I taught there. I never had a better friend than he. On his death in 1945, at the request of Mrs. Farmer and their sons, John William Gilmer Farmer and Haden Henry Farmer, and their daughters, Josephine Farmer and Mrs. Fay (Farmer) Harrison, I delivered the eulogy at his memorial services. Fay and I have two children, Mrs. Jo Fay (Harrison) Godbey, and Hubert James Harrison, named for his uncle, Hubert Daniel Harrison, and my father, James Johnson (Jim) Harrison. Named in honor of her Aunt Josephine and her mother, Jo Fay was born at Corsicana, Texas, on June 2, 1921.

Jo Fay graduated from the Central High School of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in June, 1939, and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, in February, 1943. A member and Treasurer of the Chi Omega Sorority, President for two years of the Student Y. W. C. A., and member of S. M. U.'s Student Council, Jo Fay was elected to the Mortar Board on the basis of her scholastic and leadership record. Jo Fay married John Kirby Godbey, son of Mrs. Emma Lee (Taylor) Godbey, and the late Joe J. Godbey, Sr., at the Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, on November 20, 1943, my forty-ninth birthday. John received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern Methodist University in February, 1944. While a student at S.M.U., John was President for a year of the Independent Students Association, a member of Blue Key, a scholastic honor society, and Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity. On graduation he was immediately assigned to the Naval Research Laboratory at Washington, D. C., where he served our country during World War II with the rank of Ensign. He was awarded the M.S. Degree in Electrical Research Engineering by The University of Texas in August, 1948.

Jo Fay and John have two children, John Kirby Godbey, Jr., who was born at Dallas, Texas, on September 28, 1946, and Miss Gayle Harrison Godbey, who was born at Dallas, Texas, on June 4, 1949. Gayle Godbey and Patsy Gay Spivey are named in honor of my late sister, Gay Belle (Harrison) Spivey. The Godbeys live in Dallas, Texas. John is an Electrical Research Engineer in the Research Laboratory of the Magnolia Petroleum Company in Dallas.

John Godbey's late father, Joe J. Godbey, Sr., was for many years Superintendent of Schools. At the time of his death he was Superintendent of the Public Schools of Ardmore, Oklahoma. On the day of his death he had met with the chief officials of Southern Methodist University with reference to the Vice Presidency of that institution. After being informed by the President that he would be advised by mail of the decision of the Board of Trustees, he left Dallas by automobile for his home at Ardmore. Enroute home he was killed in an automobile accident. The next day after his tragic death a letter from the President of S. M. U. arrived advising him of his unanimous election as Vice President.

Hubert James Harrison was born at Beaumont, Texas, on July 6, 1929. He graduated at the Highland Park Dallas High School in February, 1947. He studied for a year at Southern Methodist University and then entered The University of Texas, at Austin, Texas, majoring in Geology. He will shortly receive the Degree of Bachelor of Science from The University. Last year he was elected See to membership in Sigma Gamma Epsilon, the Honorary Scholastic Fraternity of Page 4. Geology. He married Miss Ada Wadene Clouse, daughter of Mrs. Helen Wadene (McLemore) Clouse and J. Floyd Clouse, on January 28, 1951; at the Trinity Insert Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas, with Dr. Jasper Manton, the Pastor, officiating. Wadene and her parents are members of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

THE FAMILY OF HASTINGS AND FAY FARMER HARRISON

& THEIR CHILDREN'S

FAMILIES



Andrew Hastings Harrison, Fay Farmer Harrison, and their children, Hubert James Harrison and Jo Fay Harrison (Mrs. John Kirby Godbey.)



Jo Fay Harrison Godbey, John Kirby Godbey, Jr., Gayle Harrison Godbey and John Kirby Godbey.

Joseph Hastings Godbey
Born November 2, 1952



Hubert James Harrison and Ada Wadene Clouse (Mrs. Hubert James) Harrison.

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It was a source of happiness to me when Wadene's parents chose the Trinity Church for the wedding of their daughter to our son.

While I am the only member of my parental family who did not continue membership in the Presbyterian Church, I am, nevertheless, at heart a Presbyterian. I married the Methodist Church! My wife's parental grandfather, Reverend John Jefferson Farmer, was the founder of one or more Methodist churches, and his son, Fay's father, Henry Farmer, was one of the outstanding Methodist laymen in Texas. With a Presbyterian grandfather on the one hand and a Methodist grandfather on the other, Fay and I maintained membership in our separate denominations until we moved to Beaumont, Texas, on March 1, 1924. At Beaumont there was no U. S. A. Presbyterian Church. Because of that fact and because of the desire for a united church family, I joined the Methodist Church and have been a member of it and served in various official capacities in it since that time. A year ago I was the President of the Trinity University Alumni Association of North Texas. As already indicated, I was honored by Trinity University with the Litt. D. Degree in 1935. Annually, for many years, I have made financial contributions to Trinity. Protestant, Catholic and Jewish friends of mine in Texas and in Oklahoma a few years ago shared substantially with me in giving to the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Dallas \$2,500.00 in honor of my late parents and my late sister, Gay, toward the construction of the new building in which my son, Hubert, was married. Dr. Jasper Manten kindly mentioned this fact in a prelude to the official wedding ceremony for Hubert and Wadene. Long live the Presbyterians!

Hubert's wife, Wadene, graduated at the Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas in 1948 as valedictorian. She was awarded the Ruth de Capree English Scholarship for being the top ranking English student in the high schools of Dallas. She was the State winner in the annual Colonial Dames Essay Contest and won first place in the Texas Inter-Scholastic League Spelling Contest. She was a representative on the Student Council of Woodrow Wilson High School and was listed in the Who's Who column of her high school annual for her work in English. At The University of Texas Wadene was a member of the University Singers and the Redhead Club. She was elected to membership in Blue Stockings (English Club), to the Co-chairmanship of the House Council at the Scottish Rite Dormitory, the Alpha Lambba Delta (Freshmen Women) and in her senior year she was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Wadene (Clouse) Harrison's parents operate a ranch at Azle, Texas, west of Fort Worth. Mr. Clouse, after retiring as an officer of the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas, in which institution he served for more than a quarter of a century, entered the ranching business.

When my brothers, Virgil and Hubert, and my sister, Gay, and I were growing up together at Myra, Virgil and Hubert and Gay gave my parents no trouble. It was I who gave them sleepless nights. My mother had red hair and I thought it was beautiful and, indeed, it was. My mother did not like my being called "Red". I developed the habit of fighting because so many boys used the nickname. I played hookey from school at times and went hunting with other errant boys. Once I ran away from home with another boy and was gone for three days. The boy with whom I fought the most at Myra over being called "Red" and other matters recently told me that he was an amateur prize fighter for some time after his service in World War I. He said that I was the one boy that he was not able to whip as he grew up! I remember at times having been on the receiving end of the line of his hard punches. One day a new boy in the Myra school, Littleton Bryant, was coaxed to call me "Red". He did. I hit him. He soon had taught me once and for all how not to win friends and influence people. Later on, Littleton, who like myself

was the son of a Presbyterian Elder, and I became pals. Let it be recorded here that I have been loyal to my Presbyterian tradition. Even when I strayed from the paths of rectitude I strayed with Presbyterians. It was Littleton Bryant with whom I ran away from home. I think it was partly on account of their worry over me that Mama was able to talk Papa into moving from Myra to Waxahachie, a town of Presbyterian culture! While I do not think that my mother and father ever thought that I was really a bad boy, and while I don't think so myself, I would be the first to acclaim that the atmosphere in the shadow of Trinity University at Waxahachie determined the course of my life. A few years ago at a dinner in Dallas given in my honor, certain choice friends from out of the city sent rice telegrams to be read by the Chairman. When some of them were being read my younger brother, Hubert, whispered audibly enough to a lady sitting near him at the dinner that all present heard him, "If the Chairman reads another one of those damn telegrams I am going to get up and tell about the time Hastings ran away from home!"

It seems to me that the most appropriate way to close the story of my parental family is with the story of what the little Indian pony that was in our family so long meant to the happiness of my brothers, my sister, and me. My brothers and I have provided the facts concerning our pony to my daughter, Ada Wadene Clouse (Mrs. Hubert James) Harrison, who has written the story on the basis of these facts. Her story, written for me and in my name, is as follows:

As far back as I can remember, Choc was an institution in our family. He was just a little Indian cow pony, but his gentleness and dependability were worthy of the finest human spirit. We all loved him.

My older brother Virgil was a little boy when Choc came into our family. At that time, Papa was operating a meat market, as well as his furniture store with Mr. Wilson, at Leonard; horses for rounding up cattle and driving them to the slaughtering pens were an essential part of his business equipment. Papa had two cow horses, one very well trained. Neither was gentle enough for children to ride, however, and Papa wanted a family pony. He began to look for a trade.

Soon, on one of his cattle-buying trips, Papa encountered a farmer who loudly insisted he had "just the cow horse". The horse had been bred and raised on the plains of the Choctaw Indian Nation, and the farmer declared him one of the smartest he had ever seen. Looking at the animal, a very small, plump roan with a blazed face and four white stockings, Papa doubted some of the farmer's claims. The pony did not look like much of a cow horse, but he seemed gentle enough, and Papa accepted the trade.

Choc's first test came a few days later. Papa, with some curiosity, rode the new pony on his next excursion into the country for a beef cow. As they were coming home, the cow, loosely tied to Papa's saddle horn, gave a sudden jerk, broke the rope, and plunged into a bois d'arc thicket. Immediately Choc was at her heels; leaping a fallen tree, he landed, rider intact, directly ahead of the fleeing cow and stopped her until Papa could lasso her again. Choc had "won his wings" as a cow horse. He subsequently proved himself the best we ever knew.

It was for his gentleness, however, that we loved Choc most. Virgil, Gay, Hubert and I learned to ride him, and we were soon joined by youngsters from all the country around. Little Choc became the best known horse in Myra (the little town to which we had moved). Almost every Sunday afternoon Choc could be seen jogging around town, his back lined from head to tail with laughing children.

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DALLAS TIMES HERALD, Tuesday, July 29, 1969

Joseph Godbey, 16, TJ Student, Dies

Joseph Hastings (Joe) Godbey, 16, of 3990 Davila Drive, a Thomas Jefferson High School junior, died Monday in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church with Dr. Tom Shipp officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Mr. Godbey, a native of Dallas, was a member of the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Godbey of Dallas; a sister, Miss Gayle H. Godbey of Dallas; a brother, John K. Godbey Jr. of New York City and grandparents, Mrs. J. J. Godbey and Mr. and Mrs. Hastings Harrison, all of Dallas.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Bradford, Mike Cain, Danny Cook, Ted Dillard, Joey Donahue, Neil Hopkins, Bob Johnson and Jimmie Murphy.

The family has designated the Hematology Research



JOSEPH GODBEY

Fund, Southwestern Medical School, The University of Texas, Dallas, or Southern Methodist University, to receive memorial gifts.

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If a single one of his charges fell off, Choc stopped instantly and would not move until the child was picked up. His understanding of children was phenomenal.

Of course, Virgil early taught Choc the little tricks to which smart ponies have been subjected since animals were first domesticated. He said "Howdy" with his right forefoot; he lay down and turned over when commanded; he placed himself under the upraised buggy shafts when called to be harnessed; he remained where he was whenever the reins were dropped over his head onto the ground. If the driver fell asleep while Choc was pulling the buggy (as Virgil says he often did on the way back from his girl's house), Choc could be depended upon to steer away from approaching vehicles and find his way home. He was not a fancy pacer, but he could maintain his easy "running-walk" gait for long distances without tiring himself or his rider. Despite Choc's short legs, my brothers and I usually won our youthful races down open country roads.

In several ways, Choc's Indian heritage had left its mark. If out in the pasture, he was sometimes difficult to catch. At times, in his younger days, a streak of stubbornness appeared, and he would refuse to pull a load. Quick-motioned and alert, he was sure-footed on any terrain.

Originally, Papa gave Choc to my brother Virgil. When Virgil needed money to go to college, though, Papa traded him a horse we were willing to sell. Choc thereafter belonged to the whole family. In 1910, however, we moved to Waxahachie. There, we had no place to keep him, and he had to be sold. The payment was fifty dollars, a handsome price for a horse Choc's age. When Papa came home and told us, we all cried. Choc had been in our family nearly twenty-five years.

Children born after book was published -

Joseph Hastings Godbey, son of John Kirby Godbey and Jo Fay Harrison (Mrs. John Kirby) Godbey, was born November 2, 1952. See pages 39A and 40A.

Son's of Hubert James Harrison and Wadene Clouse (Mrs. Hubert James) Harrison-

1. Keith Daniel Harrison - born September 27, 1953, at Corpus Christi, Texas.
2. Mark Hastings Harrison - born July 25, 1955, at Corpus Christi, Texas.
3. Shawn McElmore Harrison - born April 15, 1960, at Corpus Christi, Texas.

the first time in the history of the world, the people of the United States have been compelled to make a choice between two political parties, each of which has a distinct and well-defined platform, and each of which has a definite and well-defined object in view. The people of the United States have been compelled to make a choice between two political parties, each of which has a distinct and well-defined platform, and each of which has a definite and well-defined object in view. The people of the United States have been compelled to make a choice between two political parties, each of which has a distinct and well-defined platform, and each of which has a definite and well-defined object in view. The people of the United States have been compelled to make a choice between two political parties, each of which has a distinct and well-defined platform, and each of which has a definite and well-defined object in view. The people of the United States have been compelled to make a choice between two political parties, each of which has a distinct and well-defined platform, and each of which has a definite and well-defined object in view.

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Dan Cook lived across the street from Joseph Hastings Godbey and was his chum and best friend. The letter below was to Joe's parents, Mr. & Mrs. John K. Godbey.

October 8, 1969

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Godbey,

I would really like to thank you for the gifts you gave to me. I know just how proud Joe was of them, especially the posters he made himself. It seems he always had a knock of doing things right, and these posters truly show it.

These gifts really mean a lot to me since they were Joe's. He took great pride in everything he had or did, and I know he did the best he could in everything. He always went out to improve upon himself, like in school and physically. He worked harder and harder at everything he did, especially in his jobs at Papa's and Safeway.

Truly, Joe was one of the finest persons I have ever known or probably ever will know.

Sincerely,

DANNY

THE ELIZABETH JOPLIN FAMILY

Bible Records, confirmed by the Federal Census of Sevier County, Arkansas, in 1850, and Polk County, Arkansas, in 1860, clearly prove that my grandmother, Elizabeth Joplin, was born in Tennessee in 1823. Bible Records state that she died in October, 1863, at the age of 40. Deeply do I regret that I have not found authentic information on her exact birthday nor the exact date of her death. Although my father was just "going on 8" when she died, he remembered her well and loved her dearly and gloriously sang her praises until his own earthly sun had set in his 88th year.

In Aunt Roxanna Harrison and William P. Oliver's Family Bible Record, Aunt Roxanna listed the brothers and sisters of her grandfather, Silas M. Joplin, as follows:

<u>Brothers</u>	<u>Sisters</u>
Levi Joplin	Nancy Joplin
B. Joplin	Polly Joplin
David Joplin	Jane Joplin
Joseph Joplin	Elizabeth Joplin

As stated elsewhere in the story of the Daniel Bluford Harrisons, the Bible Record states that Silas M. Joplin married Nancy, a daughter of Aaron Cunningham.

In the pioneer days of the Joplin family in America, the surname ended with the letter "g", (Jopling). Indeed, as late as the 1870 Federal Census of Arkansas, all members of the family spelled their name that way. In later years many dropped the "g" and since then have spelled their surname as "Joplin" - this explains the absence of the "g" in Aunt Roxanna's Bible Record of her Joplin antecedents. Even so, a number of the family have never omitted the "g" and still spell their surname as Jopling. It seems self evident to me that my father was right when he told me that his mother's people, originally, came to America from Ireland.

In Aunt Roxanna's Bible Record she listed as sons and daughters of her maternal grandparents, Silas M. and Nancy (Cunningham) Joplin, the following children: Jackson J., William C., Mary Elizabeth, Jane, Martha, Frances, Aaron, James, Susan, Levi, Emily and Dock. Her Bible Record also listed marriages of the children as follows: Jackson J. married Jane Tackett; William C. married Mahala Ward; Mary Elizabeth married Daniel B. Harrison; James married a Miss Chandler; Susan married a man named Bolan; and Emily first married a Mr. Butler, and when he died she married Henry T. Walker. In the Bible Record Aunt Roxanna indicated other facts, such as these:

1. Dock was the youngest son and Emily was the youngest daughter of the Joplin family. Dock left for the War Between the States and never returned home.
2. Daniel B. Harrison was born September 15, 1815. He married Elizabeth Joplin, daughter of Silas M. and Nancy (Cunningham) Joplin.
3. Elizabeth Joplin died in October, 1863.
4. Daniel B. Harrison died on May 30, 1875.

William C. Joplin, who was born in Tennessee in 1822, and his wife, Mahala (Ward) Joplin, are described in a History of Western Arkansas, as pioneers of

the first time, and the first time I had seen it, I was very much struck by its beauty. It is a small tree, with a slender trunk, and a spreading crown, which is composed of a few large, spreading branches. The leaves are small, narrow, and pointed, and are arranged in whorls along the branches. The flowers are small, white, and fragrant, and are produced in clusters at the ends of the branches. The fruit is a small, round, yellowish-orange berry, which is sweet and juicy. The bark of the tree is smooth and grey, and the wood is light-colored and soft. The tree is found in the forests of the Andes, and is used for timber and for its fruit.

THE ELIZABETH JOPLIN FAMILY (CONTINUED)

that section of the State. The History, published in 1891, stated that William C. Joplin died a few years after settling in Arkansas but that his widow was still an esteemed resident of Polk County. John Joplin, 68, who was born in Polk County and still resides there, is a grandson of William and Mahala. John's father, Daniel Bluford Joplin, named for my Grandfather Harrison, and John, both served long terms with distinction and honor as Sheriffs of Polk County. John, a prominent and influential citizen of Arkansas, is now Tax Officer for his section of the state.

Most, if not all, of the other Joplin children and their mother, and probably their father, early followed William C. and Mahala from Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to Polk County, Arkansas - so states Aunt Roxanna's Bible Record, and her statement is substantiated by the Polk County Census Records of 1860 and 1870. All of the children of Daniel Bluford Harrison and Elizabeth (Joplin) Harrison moved to Texas from Arkansas. Most of them lived out their rather long and very useful lives and reared large families in this state. James Joplin and his family did likewise. He was often in their homes. Some of the older grandchildren of the Daniel B. Harrison's, now living, have gleams in their eyes as they speak with tender affection of "Uncle Jim Joplin".

Jackson J., age 40, born in Tennessee; and his next youngest brother, Levi Joplin, age 24, and also born in Tennessee, appear with their families in the 1860 Federal Census of Polk County. Jackson's widowed mother, Mrs. Silas M. (Nancy) Joplin, then 60, born in Tennessee, was living with him and his family, according to the Census. The same 1860 Census shows Mahala Joplin, age 31, born in Tennessee, widow of William C. Joplin, and their five little children. The 1870 Federal Census of Polk County shows the widow, my great grandmother, Nancy Joplin at age 70 living in the home of her youngest daughter, Emily, age 33, born in Mississippi, and that of Emily's second husband, Henry T. Walker, age 45, born in South Carolina. All Census Records I have found that are of pertinent interest to the Harrison--Joplin families will be appended to this factual narrative.

It is highly probable, though not certain to be sure, that my great grandfather, Silas M. Joplin, moved to Arkansas from Mississippi shortly before his death which, according to Census Records, must have occurred in the 1850's. We have his Census Record in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in 1850. Family tradition and Federal Census Records reveal the information that the first ten of the twelve children of Silas M. and Nancy Joplin were born in Tennessee and that the last two, Emily and Dock, were born in Mississippi. Levi Joplin, the last of the children who was born in Tennessee, was born in 1836. Census Records of Polk County, Arkansas of 1870 show that Emily, the next child after Levi, and the next to the youngest child, was born in Mississippi in 1837. We, therefore, most surely know that the Silas M. Joplin family moved from Tennessee to Tishomingo County, Mississippi either in late 1836 or in the early part of 1837.

The fact that the Joplin family moved to Tishomingo County, Mississippi in 1836 or 1837 should be of particular interest to us, their progeny, for it was in February, 1836 that Tishomingo County, which included all of what is now Tishomingo, Alcorn and Prentiss Counties was created by Enactment of the Mississippi Legislature. Tishomingo County was carved out of "The Free State of Tishomingo". The "Free State" had an area of a million square miles. It was originally a part of the Chickasaw nation and the Indian nation. It included parts of what are now the states of Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. It was this historic section of our great country of which our beloved Joplin ancestors were early pioneers in 1837.

CENSUS RECORDS OF ELIZABETH JOPLIN (MRS. DANIEL BLUFORD) HARRISON'S

MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, SOME OF HER BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND AN UNCLE

1840 Census
Hardin County, Tenn.

Aaron Cunningham

Males Females

1 (15-20) 1 (20-30)
1 (60-70) 1 (50-60)

Comments: Aaron Cunningham was one of my great-great-grandfathers. One of his daughters, Nancy, married Silas M. Jopling. Elizabeth Joplin, the eldest daughter of Silas M. and Nancy Cunningham Jopling, was my grandmother, Mrs. Daniel B. Harrison. A deed in 1846 in Old Tishomingo County, Mississippi, showed land conveyed from Aaron Cunningham to Silas Jopling. The Deed is on record at the Courthouse in Corinth. Many of my Jopling relatives, including my grandmother, Elizabeth Jopling Harrison, dropped the "g" and spelled their name as Joplin. The majority of my Jopling relatives spell their name as Joplin now but there are a considerable number who still use the "g". Some of the early Joplings spelled their names alternately as Jopling and Joplin. The 1845 Tishomingo County Census listed Aaron Cunningham's family as one male and one female. The 1850 Federal Census of the same County listed his widow as Nancy Cunningham, 75. My grandmother, Elizabeth Joplin Harrison, according to subsequent census reports, was born in 1823 and was, therefore, 7 years of age, and the female in the family of 5 to 10 when the 1830 Wayne County, Tennessee Census was taken.

Dr. Worth Ray in "Tennessee Cousins" on page 26 shows that Aaron Cunningham's father, my great-great-great-grandfather, was Christopher Cunningham. Christopher Cunningham's Will, of which I have photostatic and certified copies, dated November 10, 1782, and proved in 1783 in Washington County, North Carolina, now Tennessee, left his property to his wife, Mary and "my fifteen children." Aaron was the thirteenth child mentioned. The Will stated that Mary, mother of Christopher's last thirteen children, received a legacy from John Musgrave, ~~the name could have been Musgroves~~—presumably her father. Christopher Cunningham was one of the fifteen signers of the Watauga Articles that governed the historic Watauga Settlement. Christopher's first wife was Susannah Patton, mother of his first two children. Christopher was remembered in the Augusta, Virginia, Will of Jacob Patton, possibly Susannah's father.

1830 Wayne County, Tenn. Census
of Silas M. Jopling

1840 Old Tishomingo County, Miss. Census
of Silas M. Jopling

Males	Females
1 under 5	1 under 5
1 (5-10)	1 (5-10)
2 (10-15)	1 (30-40)
1 30-40)	

Males	Females
2 under 5	1 under 5
1 (10-15)	3 (10-15)
1 (40-50)	1 (15-20)
	1 (40-50)

1850 Old Tishomingo County, Mississippi, Census

Silas M. Jopling	54	Farmer	Born in North Carolina
Nancy Jopling	50	Wife	Born in Tennessee
Frances Jopling	20	Daughter	Born in Tennessee
Susan Jopling	15	Daughter	Born in Tennessee
Levi Jopling	14	Son	Born in Tennessee
Emily Jopling	12	Daughter	Born in Mississippi
Pleasant (Dock) Jopling	10	Son	Born in Mississippi

Comments: Three of the elder sons of Silas M. and Nancy Jopling were Jackson J., William C. and Aaron C. Aaron C. married Polly Ward on August 5, 1844, and William C. married Mahala Ward on October 8, 1844, in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. Their marriages are on record at the Corinth, Mississippi, Courthouse. Polly and Mahala Ward may have been sisters.

Note: Records found subsequent to this book appear to show James J. Jopling as younger than his brothers, Aaron, Jackson J. and Wm. C. Jopling and as older than Levi & "little" Wm. C. Jopling (over). 12-26-1961 H.H.

vividus innotescit by the author, August 15, 1960. His son, N. C.
43A *Child of Silas Joplin, 1790. James M. Joplin was one of them; hence*
of few Joplins. Silas M. Joplin was not among them; hence
1800 Census

Wake County, N. C.

James Joplin

Males	Females
1 (under 10)	3 (under 10)
2 (10-16)	1 (26-45)
1 (16-26)	1 (45 & up)
1 (45 & up)	

The James and Mark Joplin families were the only Joplins in North Carolina in 1790. They were listed in the 1790 and 1800 Census Records of Wake County, North Carolina. Mark Joplin died in 1815. His Will, probated in Wake County, named all of his sons and daughters. He had no son by the name of Silas M. Joplin. My great-grandfather, Silas M. Joplin(g), according to his 1850 census - see page 43 - was born in North Carolina in 1796. James Joplin whose census record is carried on this page either died intestate, or moved away from Wake County after 1800 and died elsewhere. I think there can be no doubt that Silas Joplin(g) was James' youngest son, under 10, in the 1800 Wake County Census. It was an early day custom that still prevails to a considerable extent for a father to name his first son for his own father. Silas Joplin(g)'s first son, my great-uncle, James Joplin(g), no doubt was named for his grandfather. See *Family Note above*.

There was a Ralph Joplin(g) in Amherst County, Virginia, whose will was probated in 1791. In his will, he left "my land in Burke County, North Carolina, to my sons, Ralph and James Joplin(g)." Ralph may have been the grandfather of Silas M. Joplin(g). There was a Ralph Joplin(g), living in Bedford County, Virginia, who served as an Ensign in the Continental Line in the Revolutionary War, according to the Virginia Magazine of History, Volume 3, January 1895, No. 3. He may or may not have been the Ralph Joplin(g) whose will was probated in Amherst County in 1791. Some authors say that the Joplin families in Amherst were of Welsh extraction. Presumably, another Ralph Joplin(g) served as Sergeant in Captain Samuel Jordan Cabell's Company in the 6th Virginia Regiment, of the Revolutionary War - Lt. Colonel James Hendrick, Commander.

Thomas Joplin(g) settled in the Valley of Virginia, Albemarle County, in 1749. He owned land adjoining the plantation on which Thomas Jefferson, later President, lived. He died and left a will in Amherst County, Virginia, in 1789. While he did not mention a son Ralph Joplin(g), one author reports that he had a son by that name. Sons named were James, Thomas and Josiah Joplin(g). There was a Josiah Joplin(g) whose will was probated in Amherst County, Virginia, in 1797. Born in 1749, he was a son of Thomas. Some members of the family changed the spelling of the name from Joplin to Jopling in the latter part of the Eighteenth Century. Many carry the "g" to this day but the majority have resumed the original spelling and dropped the "g," including most of my Joplin relatives. The "Lost Order Book," published in 1951, by J. P. Bell and Company, Lynchburg, Virginia, page 70, lists Thomas Joplin(g), Josiah Joplin(g), James Joplin(g) and John Joplin(g) as soldiers in the Revolution from Amherst County, Virginia.

1830 Census
Lawrence County, Tenn.

Aaron Cunningham

Males	Females
1 (5-10)	1 (10-15)
1 (10-15)	1 (15-20)
1 (15-20)	1 (20-30)
1 (20-30)	1 (50-60)
1 (50-60)	

Aaron Cunningham, my great 2 grandfather, whose daughter, Nancy, married my great-grandfather, Silas M. Joplin(g). He served as a Private in the Infantry in the War of 1812. He travelled 286 miles from the Lebanon District that now embraces Wilson and other Counties in Tennessee, to Fayetteville, Lincoln ^{Tenn.} Tennessee, and return. He was mustered in at Fayetteville. He was honorably discharged January 4, 1814. He served under Colonel Wynne and Captain Wilson and Captain Porter. His brothers listed in the will of his father, Christopher Cunningham, Sr., were John, Jacob, Joseph, Matthew, Moses and David Cunningham. John and Moses were in Wilson, Matthew in Bedford, Joseph in Warren and David in Rutherford Counties in Tennessee in 1820, all in the neighborhood of the Counties in which Aaron lived from 1805 until the time of his death.

Dr. Worth Ray in "The Lost Tribes Of North Carolina" says that Christopher Cunningham was a descendant of Captain William Cunningham, the latter being a member of a family of English merchants. Ray says that Captain William Cunningham came first to the Colony of Virginia in 1635 in behalf of trade for his family and firm and made numerous trips back and forth across the Atlantic. He says that soon after 1635, Captain William Cunningham and two of his sons, Nehemiah and Jonathan, whom he had brought on

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→ William Jopling b. in Va; (son of Ralph Jopling, whose father was Silas M. Jopling) was the father of Silas M. Jopling. William was in the 1800 & 1810 census of Jackson J. Jopling.

J. J. Jopling	-	30	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee	Aswell Co., N.C.; later d. P. A. in Greene Co., Tenn., 1817, aged 44
Jane "	-	30	-	Wife	-	" " "	
George "	-	8	-	Son	-	" " Mississippi	
Martha "	-	6	-	Daughter	-	" " "	
Elizabeth "	-	4	-	"	-	" " "	
Nancy C. "	-	2	-	"	-	" " "	
Sarah "	-	1/12	-	"	-	" " "	

Comments: My great-uncle, Jackson J. (John) Jopling was the oldest son of Silas M. and Nancy Jopling. He and his family moved to Arkansas in 1851. The above census was taken early in the year of 1850. The middle name of Nancy, age 2, in the above census, was Catherine.

1860 Polk County, Ark. Census of Jackson J. (John) Jopling

Jackson J. Jopling	-	40	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Minerva Jane "	-	40	-	Wife	-	" " "
George W.	-	18	-	Son	-	" " Mississippi
Martha E.	-	16	-	Daughter	-	" " "
Elizabeth "	-	14	-	"	-	" " "
Nancy C.	-	12	-	"	-	" " "
Wm. Thomas "	-	8	-	Son	-	" " Arkansas
James J.	-	2	-	"	-	" " "
Nancy	-	60	-	His Mother	-	" " Tennessee

Comments: My great-uncle, Jackson J. Jopling's father, Silas M., had died before or after the Jopling families moved in 1851 from Mississippi to Arkansas, I do not know where or when. My great grandmother, Nancy Jopling, 60, in 1860, was living with her eldest son, John, and his family. The daughter, Elizabeth, was named for my grandmother, Elizabeth Joplin (Mrs. Daniel B.) Harrison.

1870 Polk County, Ark. Census (Cove Township) Dallas Post Office of Jackson J. (John) Jopling

Jackson J. Jopling	-	50	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Minerva Jane "	-	50	-	Wife	-	" " "
Nancy Catherine "	-	22	-	Daughter	-	" " Mississippi
Wm. Thomas "	-	18	-	Son	-	" " Arkansas
John F.	-	9	-	"	-	" " "
Daniel R.	-	7	-	"	-	" " "
Daniel Bluford	-	15	-	Nephew	-	" " "

Comments: The 1870 Census was the last I have of my great-uncle, Jackson J. (John) Jopling's family. That both he and his brother, William C. Jopling, named sons Daniel in honor of their brother-in-law, my grandfather, Daniel Bluford Harrison, near whom they lived, reflected their affectionate esteem for him. Before 1860 Daniel Bluford Joplin's widowed mother, Mahala Ward (Mrs. Wm. C.) Jopling, had married a man by the name of Robert Suits. Apparently Daniel Bluford was living or visiting in the home of his uncle, John, when the 1870 Census was taken. Beginning with Daniel Bluford Joplin, the descendants of William C. and Mahala Ward Jopling dropped the "g" in their surname.

later trips, sold their headrights in York County, Virginia, for other lands. Ray stated that one of Nehemiah's sons, Alexander, was the father of Christopher Cunningham, Sr. Christopher Cunningham, Sr., was my great 3 grandfather. Dr. Ray said that Christopher Cunningham, Sr., son of Alexander, lived for sometime in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and that he moved to Augusta County and from there to "West of the Alleghenies" where he helped establish the Watauga Settlement. Dr. Ray did not document the Cunningham lineage. The lineage, as given by him, in "The Lost Tribes of North Carolina," may not be correct. I am inclined to believe that it is.

The Territory West of the Alleghenies, now Eastern Tennessee, was established by a group of settlers on the Watauga River, a source of the Tennessee, mostly from Virginia and North Carolina, in 1772. These settlers, among whom was my great 3 grandfather, Christopher Cunningham, were geographically isolated. The settlers named their Colony, Watauga, and organized the Watauga Association to be governed by Articles adopted by the General Assembly. Although the Watauga Association was an independent Colony for four years, the influx of renegades and outlaws from Virginia and North Carolina made the preservation of law and order impossible. J. G. M. Ramsey in his book "The Annals of Tennessee," page 138, lists the signers of the Petition of the Watauga Association to North Carolina in behalf of annexation to that state. On his list of the signers were the names of Christopher Cunningham, Sr., and Christopher Cunningham, Jr. The Petition was written in 1776, the year of our Declaration of Independence. The Petition was granted and the District was named Washington County, North Carolina.

In an index book of legal records at the State Library of History in Nashville, Tennessee, there is fully one page of references to legal transactions and activities of Christopher Cunningham, Sr., and Christopher Cunningham, Jr.

My great 3 grandfather, Christopher Cunningham, left a will in Washington County, North Carolina, to "my wife Mary and my fifteen children." We can be sure that he was Christopher Cunningham, Sr., because on September 18, 1798, in the Records of Carter County, Tennessee, Mary, widow of Christopher Cunningham, Sr., conveys 590 acres of land to Isaac and Nathaniel Taylor, "willed to me during my life time by Christopher Cunningham, Sr.," a field now occupied by Aaron Cunningham, lying next to Jesse Whitson's, reserving certain uses and privileges for her life time. Christopher Cunningham, Jr., died more than a year before his father. Therefore, he was not listed with his fifteen brothers and sisters in his father's will.

Christopher Cunningham's will, written on November 10, 1782, and probated in Washington County in 1783, named Joseph W. Tipton, brother of Colonel John Tipton, and Matthew Talbot as Executors. Talbot built one of the first two mills on the banks of the Watauga River, about 1769. His namesake and grandson, Matthew Talbot, was named Governor of Georgia in 1819. Witnesses to his will were a son-in-law, Robert Orr, and Isaac Taylor. Joseph Tipton was a member of the Assembly and Isaac Taylor was Secretary of the Senate of the "Free State of Franklin." My great 3 grandfather, Christopher Cunningham, Sr., in his will, made it clear that his first two living children, including Susannah Robertson, were by a former marriage, and that his last thirteen children mentioned, including my great 2 grandfather, Aaron Cunningham, were by his wife, Mary.

Moses Cunningham proved in open court, with himself and two of his brothers, Aaron and Matthew as witnesses, in Carter County, Tennessee, May 18, 1805 "An Instrument of Writing" that had been executed and signed by his brother, Jacob Cunningham, August 4, 1790, in Washington County, North Carolina, in which Jacob, son of Christopher Cunningham and Mary, his wife, had "bargoned and sold" unto Isaac Taylor all of his "rite" of his part of the legacy of land willed him by his father, Christopher Cunningham, deceased.

At a court held at Jonesborough, now Jonesboro, in Carter County, North Carolina, on the 27th day of August, 1781, the noted Colonel Charles Robertson was empowered to administer the Estate of Christopher Cunningham, deceased. Colonel Robertson joined by William McNabb and Andrew Taylor, gave a secured bond "in the just and full sum of 200,000 pounds" to insure Colonel Robertson's pledge faithfully to administer the Estate, as by law required. The Deed Record of Mary Cunningham, widow of Christo-

1850 Old Tishomingo County, Mississippi Census
(Northern Division) of William C. Jopling

William C. Jopling	-	28	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Mahala	"	21	-	Wife	-	" " "
Levi	"	5	-	Son	-	" " Mississippi
Thomas Aaron	"	3	-	"	-	" " "
Elizabeth Ann	"	1	-	Daughter	-	" " "

Comments: My great-uncle, William C. Jopling, and his family moved to Polk County, Arkansas, in 1851. He died in the fall of 1859. The above Census was taken early in the year of 1850.

1860 Polk County, Arkansas Census
of
Mahala Ward (Mrs. Wm. C.) Jopling

Mahala	Jopling	-	31	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Levi	"	-	14	-	Son	-	" " Mississippi
Aaron	"	-	12	-	"	-	" "
Eliza Ann	"	-	10	-	Daughter	-	" " "
Daniel Bluford	"	-	6	-	Son	-	" " Arkansas
Elizabeth	"	-	3	-	Daughter	-	" " "
Susan	"	-	1	-	"	-	" " "

Comments: Mahala Jopling was the widow of my great-uncle, William C. Jopling. Daniel Bluford Joplin was named for my grandfather, Daniel Bluford Harrison, and Elizabeth was named for William C. Jopling's sister, Elizabeth, my grandmother Harrison. The 1860 Census was taken early in the year.

1860 Polk County, Arkansas Census
of Levi Joplin

Levi	Joplin	-	24	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Josephine	"	-	17	-	Wife	-	" " Arkansas
Frances	"	-	2	-	Daughter	-	" " "

Comments: My great-uncle, Levi Joplin, was a younger brother of my grandmother Harrison. He had dropped the "g" in his name.

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My great-aunt, Emily E. Joplin, married a man named Butler. After his death she married Henry T. Walker. She and her mother, my great grandmother, Nancy Cunningham (Mrs. Silas M.) Jopling, appear with Mr. Walker in the Polk County, Arkansas Census of 1870. Nancy Jopling was 70 that year. From an old letter written by my Aunt Jane Harrison (Mrs. Tyra) Reece, to my great-aunt Rachel A. Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins, in 1885, I know that my great grandmother Jopling was still alive at that time. She may have lived much longer. I have a photograph of her in which she looks like a beautiful hundred year old lady in good health!

pher Cunningham, Sr., in 1798, above mentioned, whose husband died in 1782, and whose will was probated in 1783, makes it clear that this Christopher Cunningham with the enormous wealth was Christopher Cunningham, Jr., a brother or a half brother of my great grandfather, Aaron Cunningham. It is interesting to note that at the time of Christopher Cunningham, Jr.'s death there was a Samuel B. Cunningham, probably a cousin, in the same vicinity who was the President of a Railroad. Colonel Robertson was a brother-in-law of Christopher Cunningham, Jr., hence his application for authority to administer the extensive estate, doubtless inherited by Christopher Cunningham Jr.'s family. The records of the final settlement of his estate seem to be among the missing papers of that period.

In the Superior Court Minutes, Book B, March Term 1798, fourteen legal size, single spaced, typewritten pages are devoted to one of the most celebrated law suits in the history of Eastern Tennessee. A prominent lawyer by the name of Yancey, for whose family Yancey County, North Carolina, was named, sued for title to a "valuable site in Jonesborough" owned by my great 3 grandfather, Christopher Cunningham. In the law suit, Yancey stated that Robert Sevier had bought a "fine horse" from ~~Sevier's~~ friend, Christopher Cunningham. Yancey said Sevier's note, given for the horse, became considerably past due and that Sevier paid the debt by giving Christopher Cunningham title to "the valuable site." Yancey claimed that he had purchased the site from some one who claimed that he had acquired it from Christopher Cunningham, Sr. It seems that a family was living and had built a fine house on the site, in dispute, and that Yancey was seeking title to the site, including improvements. The man who lived on the site agreed that Robert Sevier had given the site to Christopher Cunningham in payment of a debt for a horse but that he had bought the site from the surviving children of Christopher Cunningham, who had been dead for sixteen years at that time. The occupant of the site successfully defended his title.

Moses Musgrove, one of my ancient and very distant relatives through my great 3 grandmother, Mary Musgrove (Mrs. Christopher) Cunningham, and William Blevins were indicted by a Carter County, Tennessee, Grand Jury in 1805. The Grand Jury, in explanation of the indictment, said: "Not having the fear of God before their eyes, and seduced by the devil, they did with force of arms engage in an affray at Elizabethton, to the Great Terror of bystanders." The affray was serious when it occurred but one can enjoy a little humor now as he looks back 148 years and, in his mind's eye, sees the bystanders as they fled in fear of their lives, taking refuge behind trees and bushes and boulders and in the stores of Elizabethton!

Colonel Charles Robertson, according to Worth Ray, in "Tennessee Cousins," married Susannah, a daughter of my great 3 grandfather, Christopher Cunningham and Christopher's first wife. Colonel Robertson served in John Sevier's Regiment in the Revolution. He was sent to the relief of the Carolinians and aided in the capture of Thickett Fort where 93 Loyalists surrendered in the BATTLE OF MUSGROVE'S MILL. He died at Jonesboro in 1800. One of the daughters of Colonel Charles Robertson and Susannah (Cunningham) Robertson married the famous Felix Harris, later Congressman of the Buncombe County District of North Carolina and another daughter married Captain Robert Sevier, who was killed in the Battle of Kings Mountain in the Revolutionary War. Robert Sevier was a brother of Colonel John Sevier. Colonel John Sevier was the Governor of "The Free State of Franklin." He served as first Governor of Tennessee and was twice reelected to that office.

1850 Titus County, Texas Census
of
Benjamin Jopling

Benjamin Jopling	-	55	-	Farmer	-	<u>Born in Virginia</u>
Melinda	"	35	-	Second Wife	-	" " Tennessee
John	"	27	-	His Son	-	" " Virginia
William	"	19	-	" "	-	" " Alabama
George	"	16	-	" "	-	" "
Lucinda	"	14	-	His Daughter	-	" "
Lewis	"	4	-	Their Son	-	" "
Jane	"	1	-	Their Daughter	-	" "

Comments

Benjamin Jopling may have been a first cousin of my great grandfather Silas M. Jopling. Benjamin was born in Virginia, served in the War of 1812 was married four times, had 18 children and is buried in Jopling Cemetery in Tarrant County, Texas near Fort Worth.

My Joplin(g) ancestors came from Virginia. Several Joplin(g)'s served in the Revolution from Amherst County, Virginia. Early day Joplin(g)'s lived in Amherst, Botetourt, Nelson and Buckingham Counties in Virginia, and Burke County, North Carolina.

My great-great grandfather,, Aaron Cunningham, as a boy and as a young man lived in Washington County, North Carolina, now Washington County, Tennessee, and helped form Carter County, Tennessee. He was granted 1,000 acres of land by his friend, John Sevier, first Governor of Tennessee, in Bedford County. He was subsequently granted and acquired land in Maury, Lawrence and Hardin Counties in Tennessee and in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. He served on the first jury in the history of Maury County. At the time of his death in Tishomingo County about October 1845, he was a large land owner in several of the Counties mentioned. His son, Levi Cunningham, was the administrator of his estate in Hardin County, and Levi and another son, S. M. Cunningham, were the administrators in Tishomingo County.

CENSUS RECORDS OF DANIEL BLUFORD HARRISON'S PARENTS, AND COMMENTS

1820 Lawrence County, Tenn. Census

The Daniel Harrison Family
 3 males under 10
 3 males 10 - 16
 1 male 16 - 26
 1 male 45 and upwards
 1 female under 10
 2 females 16 - 26
 1 female 26 but under 45

1840 Hardin County, Tenn. Census

Susannah Harrison
 1 male 10 - 15
 1 male 15 - 20
 2 females 15 - 20
 1 female 20 - 30
 1 female 50 - 60

1830 Hardin County, Tenn. Census

Daniel Harrison 50 - 60
 Manufacturer and Trader

1840 Wayne County, Tenn. Census

Daniel Harrison 60 - 70
 Manufacturer and Trader

1850 Hardin County, Tenn. Census

Daniel R. Harrison	- 70 -	Cabinet Maker	- Born in North Carolina
Catherine Harrison	- 27 -	?	- Born in Tennessee
Matilda J. Harrison	- 12 -	?	- Born in Tennessee
Nancy J. Harrison	- 7 -	?	- Born in Tennessee
Andrew J. Harrison	- 6 -	?	- Born in Tennessee
Charlotte H. Harrison	- 2 -	?	- Born in Tennessee
William H. Harrison	- 2 -	?	- Born in Tennessee

Comments: It is probable that Daniel R. Harrison was nearer 75 than 70 in 1850.
 See 1820 Census above.

The above are the census records I have thus far found of my Harrison great-grandparents, Daniel R. Harrison and Susannah (Rucker) Harrison. I have not yet determined who were the parents of Daniel R. Harrison. His wife, Susannah (Rucker) Harrison, was the daughter of George and Catherine (Ehart) Rucker. George Rucker's will, written in 1810, was probated in Franklin County, Ga., in September, 1815. The 1850 census records show North Carolina as the birth place of Daniel R. and 1880 census records and other documents prove Virginia as the birth place of Susannah. See p. 76.

There is tradition to the effect that my great-grandfather, Daniel R. Harrison was old and living alone when he died. Miss Minnie Small, 74, of Point Cedar, Arkansas, a granddaughter of my great-aunt Rachel A. Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins, has written me that she was a small girl but old enough to remember when her grandmother, Rachel, learned, probably years after his death, that her father, Daniel R. Harrison had died, living alone. She said that her grandmother, Rachel, cried for days over news of her father's death. Miss Small wrote that her great-grandmother, and mine, Susannah Harrison, had died long before she, Miss Small, was ~~grown~~ grown. It is my surmise, though I have only circumstantial evidence to justify it, that my great-grandmother moved with her single children to Tishomingo County, Mississippi early after the 1840 census was taken and that she died before the census was again taken in 1850. My surmise is based on these facts:

(1) That my grandfather and grandmother, Daniel B. and Elizabeth Joplin Harrison, lived in Tishomingo County for at least several years - the first three of their children were born there.

(2) My great-aunt Rachel Harrison and David Hawkins were married in Tishomingo County on October 11, 1842, and my great-aunt Jane Harrison and Jonathan White were married in that County on February 12, 1850.

(3) My great-uncle Albert Daniel Harrison and Delilah Burton were married in Old Tishomingo County on December 22, 1846. Several of their children were born in that County.

There is a tradition among older relatives in several of our Harrison families to the effect that my great grandfather suffered of the illness of alcoholism, and that he and my great grandmother, Susannah Harrison, were separated. I had doubted, until recently, that their separation was permanent, but I now believe it may have been, and if so, that the final separation took place some time between 1826 and 1830.

There was a Daniel Harrison, according to McCallum's "Early History of Giles County, Tennessee," who settled in Giles County in 1807. I believe that he was my great grandfather, Daniel R. Harrison, and that he moved from Giles to Lawrence, and then to Wayne, and finally to Hardin County, Tennessee, all adjoining Counties on the Tennessee-Mississippi line.

Daniel R. Harrison and Susannah (Rucker) Harrison had one son, James Steele (Jimmy) Harrison, who was born in Abbeyville District in South Carolina in 1801. In one census record of Nathaniel Harrison, his birth place was given as Tennessee and in another census, it was given as Georgia. If he was born in Georgia I believe that his mother was visiting her parents in Georgia from her home in Tennessee at the time.

Tradition includes three sons in the family of Daniel R. and Susannah Harrison of whom I do not have a record, whose given names are reported to have been Taylor, Joseph and William. William, says tradition, was the youngest son. Two pioneer ministers of power in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Mississippi were Joseph Harrison and Joseph Joplin(g), both of whom probably were great uncles of mine. Daniel R. and Susannah had a daughter, Nancy (Mrs. Frederick) Franks, who was listed in the Hardin County, Tennessee Census of 1850 as 45, and her birth place was given as Tennessee. There is a tradition of three older daughters of my Harrison great grandparents whose names were said to have been Polly, Bessie (or Betsy) and Catherine. Tradition is that either Polly or Betsy married Frederick Franks. Polly or Betsy could have been Nancy's nickname. It is my surmise that one of the other older daughters married Alexander Neece. The 1820 Lawrence County Census records, page 47, show age ranges for the oldest children of tradition.

My great grandmother, Susannah Harrison, was living in Hardin County with her single children who were still at home, and my great grandfather Daniel R. Harrison was living alone in Wayne County in Tennessee in 1840. Susannah was, of course, the female in the 1840 Census of her household, of 50 to 60. I am sure that the female of 20 to 30 in the 1840 Census was my great-aunt Rachel and the two females from 15 to 20 were my great-aunts, Synthia C. and Jane. I am also sure that the male from 15 to 20 years of age was my great-uncle, Albert D., and that the male listed as 10 to 15 was my great-uncle William of our tradition. Census records of all of the children except William are recorded in this book. We know that my great-aunt Jane was the youngest daughter and tradition is that William was the youngest son among the fourteen children of my great grandparents, Daniel R. Harrison and Susannah Rucker Harrison. The 1840 Hardin County Census of my great grandmother convinces me that William was not only the youngest son of my great grandparents but also the youngest of their fourteen children.

The 1850 Hardin County Tennessee Census of Daniel R. Harrison that includes Catherine Harrison, 27, and five Harrison children from 4 to 12 years of age, is baffling. Neither I nor any relative whom I know or with whom I have corresponded has been able definitely to determine Catherine's or the children's connection with Daniel R. Catherine may have been the widow of one of the deceased sons of my great grandfather and great grandmother and the children may have been hers by the deceased son. There was a rumor that has been handed down from generation to generation to the effect not only that my great grandfather and great grandmother separated, but also that he married again and raised a second set of five children. Having no proof to the contrary I must accept the possibility that Catherine may have been my great grandfather's second wife, and that the five children may have been theirs, despite the fact that the 1840 Wayne County, Tennessee Census record showed that my great grandfather was living alone.

"The Rucker Family," written by Sudie Rucker Wood is a fine source book on my Rucker-Harrison ancestry. In her book, Sudie Wood says that Peter Rucker, a French Huguenot, migrated to this country in 1690. (The Ruckers were originally Alsatian.) Sudie Wood says that Peter Rucker had a son by the name of Thomas, that Thomas married Elizabeth Reynolds, and that Thomas and Elizabeth had a son by the name of George Rucker, who married Catherine Hart. She gives Madison County, Virginia, as George's birthplace. She also says that George and Catherine had, among other children, a daughter by the name of Susannah who was mentioned in George Rucker's Will. I have a copy of the Will.

Sudie Wood, in "The Rucker Family," published in 1932 by Old Dominion Press, Richmond, Virginia, carries the Wills of Peter Rucker, his son, Thomas, and Thomas' son, George Rucker. The Will reveals the fact that Thomas left his Manor place in Culpepper County, Virginia, to his son, my great-great grandfather, George Rucker. George Rucker's mother, Elizabeth Reynolds, was the daughter of Cornelius Reynolds, Jr., and his wife Martha. Cornelius Reynolds, Jr. was the son of Cornelius Reynolds. The Sudie Rucker Wood's book is in my library.

and the other two were very much more advanced. The first was a small, thin, dark brown bird, with a long, slender, slightly upturned bill, and a short, dark, upright crest. It had a dark brown back, and a white patch on each wing; the rest of the body was white, with a few dark brown feathers on the sides. The second was a larger bird, with a longer, thicker bill, and a shorter, more rounded crest. It had a dark brown back, and a white patch on each wing; the rest of the body was white, with a few dark brown feathers on the sides. The third was a medium-sized bird, with a medium-length bill, and a medium-height crest. It had a dark brown back, and a white patch on each wing; the rest of the body was white, with a few dark brown feathers on the sides.

My American Rucker-Harrison line is as follows:

Peter Rucker
Thomas Rucker
George Rucker
Susannah Rucker (Mrs. Daniel R.) Harrison
Daniel Bluford Harrison
James Johnson (Jim) Harrison
Andrew Hastings Harrison
Jo Fay Harrison (Mrs. John K.) Godbey
Hubert James Harrison

Among children mentioned in George Rucker's Will is a son by the name of Simeon Bluford Rucker. One of my great-uncles was Reece Simeon Harrison. My grandfather's name was Daniel Bluford Harrison. I have documentary evidence to prove that George Rucker served in the Revolution. He served in the Continental Army. He was drawn from Class No. 85 of the Culpepper Classes in the Culpepper County, Virginia Militia. A record of this fact may be found in file box No. Req. C 6434 in the Virginia State Library at Richmond. I am a Member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, under National Number 76546, by virtue of the Revolutionary War Service of my great-great-grandfather, George Rucker.

George Rucker's father-in-law, my great-great-great grandfather, Michael Ehart was a Revolutionary War Patriot. He provided the Revolutionary Army with 300 pounds of beef to help win the Revolutionary War. His public service claim certificate No. 34, October 16, 1781, is in file box No. Req. C 6434, Culpepper County, Virginia in the Virginia State Library.

There can be no question - no, no question at all - that Daniel R. Harrison was one and the same person as the "lonely Daniel" Harrison listed in the Hardin County, Tennessee Census of 1830 and in the Wayne County, Tennessee Census of 1840. Daniel R. Harrison was listed as a cabinet maker in the 1850 Hardin County Census. The "lonely Daniel" was listed in the Hardin County Census of 1830 and the Wayne County Census of 1840 as a manufacturer and trader. In McCallum's "Early History of Giles County, Tennessee," the author uses the terms "cabinet maker" and "manufacturer and trader" interchangeably. There is another proof that there can be no doubt that Daniel R. Harrison in the 1850 Census was one and the same person as the "lonely Daniel" and that is this: Wayne and Hardin are adjoining Counties in Tennessee. The families of married sons and one married daughter appear in close geographical proximity in the Census records of both these Counties in 1830 and 1840 to the "lonely Daniel". Still further proof is the fact that the 1850 Census records of my great-uncle James Steele (Jimmy) Harrison listed Jimmy's occupation as that of "manufacturer and trader". My great-uncle Jimmy's dwelling in 1850 in Hardin County was only 5 dwellings removed from that of his father, Daniel R. Harrison, and my great-aunt Nancy (Harrison) Franks was living nearby. It is reasonable to assume that my great-uncle Jimmy and his father were devoted business partners.

It is a conjecture, to be sure, but even so I steadfastly believe that my great grandfather's full name was Daniel Reece Harrison. Nathaniel, one of his elder sons, had an elder son whom he named Daniel Reece. Daniel Reece has a surviving 81 year old son at Durant, Oklahoma, whose name is Reece Harrison. I have spelled the name "Reece" with a "c" instead of an "s" because that is the way it is spelled several times in the old Family Bible of Nathaniel's son, Daniel Reece. I saw the Bible record after I had written an earlier Chapter in which I had spelled the name of Reece Harrison of Durant with an "s" instead of with a "c". In checking up I learned that he has always spelled his name with a "c".

THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF DANIEL BLUFORD HARRISON

My grandfather, Daniel B. Harrison, and his brothers and sisters were pioneer sons and daughters of the South. The chief characteristics of southern pioneers were persistence, determination, and an abiding faith in God with a plan of salvation that was simple and sure. Speaking of persistence, President Calvin Coolidge said: "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

The pioneer men of the South carried muzzle-loader guns, rode horseback on trails up and down the mountains of the South in search of natural water, springs and lakes, timber and fertile land. Their saddled bags were their banks in which they carried their money as they moved ever westward. All of them wore beards, hickory shirts for work, and "hard boiled" shirts with celluloid collars and attached cuffs for important church meetings and social affairs. A clean-shaven man in a Southern community in those pioneer days would have been a curiosity and would have attracted a crowd. Mustache cups were prized gifts. They won the hearts of the proud and fastidious young men.

The young women of the pioneer South wore dresses that contained from eight to twelve yards of goods. They wore other skirts and plenty of them, too, and bustles, balmorals and hoop skirts. The plump girl was the popular girl, while now it is the slim. The shocking "flappers" among them wore high neck dresses and trailing skirts.

In the pioneer days of the South protracted camp meetings were conducted every year, in the summer after the crops had been laid by. They sometimes ran for weeks and attracted enormous crowds. Whole families, always large, in ox drawn wagons and on horseback, camping at nights enroute near mountain-side springs, gathered from far and near. They pitched tents near fresh springs for temporary homes and built huge brush arbors for the meetings. The meetings afforded opportunities for annual reunions for family groups who rarely saw one another at any other time. They also provided opportunity for romance, thus being of great interest to young people. Nearly all the "unsaved" were converted under the powerful preaching of "The Old Time Religion". In an eighty year old letter from my grandfather, Daniel B. Harrison's, sister, Sintha C. Harrison (Mrs. Thomas H.) Hutchens to an elder sister, Rachel Adline Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins, Sintha said: "My letter must be short for I am in a hurry, fixing up for the meetings. There is a meeting being conducted now by the Presbyterians. The 13th of this month is their day appointed for their big dinner and the laying of the cornerstone for their college. The attendance is expected to reach five thousand people. On next Sunday, the Methodists begin their big meeting. All of these meetings are keeping me very busy. Sister Jane - Jane Harrison (Mrs. Jonathan) White, of Old Cairo, Mississippi - and her family are here for the meetings."

The main food of the pioneer sons and daughters of the South was black strap molasses. The young men of their day looked for girls to be their wives who would cook "3 hots a day" with hot bread at every meal. Fried chicken then, as now, was the universally popular food.

The southern pioneers had no electric lights. Edison had not put the finishing touches on his "Miracle Light" until 1879, and its general use did not come about for a long time after that. Their chief light came from the open fire place and tallow candles. A few of them may have known the luxury of coal oil lamps with wicks and burners. There were no automobiles. They made fast trips on horse-back. Their regular mode of travel was in ox-carts and wagons. The few rich people among them owned carriages. Later on, the children of the rich sported the coveted "hug-me-tight" buggies.

In the pioneer days of the South radios, telephones, radios and television sets were unknown. Many relatives lived far apart and were seldom together. It should be remembered that one hundred miles or more was a long distance then. In nearly all of the letters of the sons and daughters of the South among my relatives, at least, are found plaintive prayers for more frequent and longer letters from "all the connection", and for their pictures. Their letters were usually concluded by asking the recipients to come to see them, and "If you cannot come and we never meet again in this life let us be sure to meet in the next".

In a letter from her Jacinto, Mississippi home to her sister, Rachel, of Arkansas, my great-aunt, Sintha C. Harrison (Mrs. Thomas H.) Hutchens, closed with this statement:

"Well, Rachel, you spoke about Brother Jimmie coming to see you this fall. If he comes, tell him howdy for me. Tell him I would like to see him once more in this life, and I would like to have him come to see me, but if he cannot come, please tell him to write to me."

Not long before my great-aunt, Jane Harrison (Mrs. Jonathan) White, went to her heavenly reward, she wrote from her home in Old Cairo, Mississippi, to her sister, Rachel, saying, "I don't feel now as if I would be here much longer. I cannot rest day or night. But bless God, there is a day a-coming when I shall rest with my Saviour, where we will all meet to part no more."

Soon after that letter was written, my great-aunt, Jane, died and one of her daughters, Sally, wrote her Aunt Rachel expressing sorrow over her mother's death, and making this statement, characteristic of her time:

"Sometimes it just seems that I cannot stand it when I think of my mother lying out there in that cold ground in the cemetery, taking her rest. I do not remember ever doing but one thing that set my mother to grievin'. One time I went to a dance. If the good Lord will ever forgive me for that, I shall never dance again. I want to live every day so that when my time comes I can be sure to meet my mother in heaven."

According to family tradition, my grandfather, Daniel B. Harrison, was one of fourteen brothers and sisters. There can be no question, so far as I am concerned, that all of them were children of Daniel & Harrison and Susannah (Rucker) Harrison. Census records, priceless old letters in my possession, written by my grandfather's sisters, personal reports from elderly living descendants of some of his brothers and sisters, and other data have clearly established the identification of certain brothers and sisters of my grandfather as follows: James Steele Harrison, Nathaniel Harrison, Reece Simeon Harrison, Albert Daniel Harrison, Nancy Harrison (Mrs. Frederick) Franks, Rachel Adline Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins, Sintha C. Harrison (Mrs. Thomas H.) Hutchens, and Jane Harrison (Mrs. Jonathan) White. Living descendants of James S. Harrison and Rachel Adline Harrison Hawkins say that there was a younger brother by the name of William -- no doubt William Henry -- who died when he was a young man, never having married. Mrs. Marvin Hatchett, daughter-in-law of Sarah Harrison (Mrs. Haywood) Hatchett, has written me that she is sure, from what her mother-in-law often told her, that there were three other brothers whose names were Taylor, George and Joseph, and a sister by the name of Catherine. Herman Hawkins, Miss Florence Hawkins, Mrs. Opa Ann Hawkins Vetceto and Miss Minnie Small, all elderly grandchildren of my great-aunt, Rachel, say that there were two daughters by the names of Betsy and Polly. It is possible, and highly probable, that Betsy and Polly were second given names, or nick-names, perhaps, of sisters already identified. My great-aunt Rachel's descendants to whom I have referred were in their teens when their grandmother died. They were grown and some of them were married before my great-uncle, Reverend Albert Daniel Harrison, near whom they lived, died in 1900. Their grandmother and their great-uncle, Albert, told them many times that their, Rachel's and Albert's, father was Daniel Harrison and that their mother's maiden surname was Rucker, and that their parents had fourteen children. My great-aunt Rachel's grandchildren say that they are sure they once knew, but have forgotten, the full given names of their grandmother's father and mother, over the past 51 years.

Mrs. Marvin Hatchett has the war record of Joseph Harrison in the Mexican War of 1846. Mrs. Hatchett's mother-in-law, Sarah Harrison (Mrs. Haywood) Hatchett, was a younger daughter of my great-uncle, James S. (Jimmy) Harrison. She lived the last twelve years of her life in the home of Professor and Mrs. Marvin Hatchett at Idia, Oklahoma, having passed to her reward in the 94th year of her age. Her memory is reported to have been excellent to the very last of her life. Since the reports that she has made of the Harrison family coincide precisely with those of her Hawkins relatives in Arkansas who, I think, she never knew, and because there is so much evidence to substantiate their reports, I have accepted and am recording them as facts. My great-aunt Rachel's Arkansas grandchildren whom I have quoted have given me many old letters received by their grandmother, sacredly preserved since her death. In these letters I find reference to Marion Franks as a nephew of my great-aunt Rachel, and to his sister, Sue, who had married a man in Marshall County, Tennessee. The Arkansas grandchildren have told me that Marion Franks visited his Aunt Rachel, their grandmother, when many of the Harrison and Hawkins families lived in Mississippi, and that Marion corresponded with their parents, his first cousins, for many years. Unfortunately, those letters were not preserved. The census record of the Frederick Franks family of Wayne County, Tennessee, of 1850, includes Marion.

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My great-aunt Rachel's grandchildren whom I have come to know and affectionately to esteem, have told and written me that there was an unconfirmed report to the effect that my great-grandfather, Daniel R. Harrison, married a second time and raised a second family of five children. I have not sought to confirm or disprove the report. Mrs. Marvin Hatchett and my great-aunt Rachel's grandchildren have informed me that my great-uncle, Jimmy, and my great-uncle, Reece Harrison, were both Methodist preachers. The Hawkins descendants and Mrs. Harriett Campbell of Hot Springs, Arkansas, an 87-year-old granddaughter of Reece Harrison, say that my great-uncle Jimmy was a "big preacher", and I am sure he was.

Charles H. Harrison of Anson, Texas, and Delia (Mrs. J. C.) Pinnix of Murphreesboro, Arkansas, grandchildren of my great-uncle, Albert Daniel Harrison, and many others, living and dead, have told me that Albert Daniel Harrison was a Methodist preacher who was constantly in demand for summer meetings and evangelistic campaigns. He is said to have been an especially good man and a persuasive and effective minister. Mrs. Hatchett has written that Taylor Harrison was a strong Methodist preacher in Tennessee. My grandfather, Daniel Bluford Harrison, was a Cumberland Presbyterian minister and, like his other brother-clergymen, he served and worked as a citizen in many other capacities. Nathaniel Harrison, according to family tradition, was a local Cumberland Presbyterian ^{minister}. The old letters that I have read from my grandfather's sisters to one another, written many long years ago, reveal the religious quality of their lives. Surely, in the background of my grandfather, Daniel Bluford Harrison, there must have been a powerful personality of deep religious motivation.

The Reverend James Steele Harrison, for whom my father, James J. (Jim) Harrison, was named, was a Methodist minister. He was affectionately called Jimmy by his friends and the members of his family. Descendants now living of his brothers and sisters, with whom I have had the privilege of visiting or corresponding, speak of him with great affection as "Uncle Jimmy". James Steele Harrison, according to surviving members of his family, was born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, on April 3, 1801. He married Mary Murchison, who was born in Moore County, North Carolina, on August 18, 1806. He served as a bugle boy in the War of 1812, joining the Army in 1814, at the age of 13. My great-uncle, Jimmy, died on November 4, 1883, in Van Buren County, Arkansas, where he had lived for many years.

In my search for information concerning my grandfather, Reverend Daniel Bluford Harrison, and his parental family, I have found a widespread tradition that his father, Daniel R. Harrison, in his latter years became addicted to the periodic illness of alcoholism, which resulted in at least the temporary separation of himself and his faithful wife, Susannah Rucker Harrison. The Federal Census records of 1840 show my great grandfather, Daniel Harrison, manufacturer and trader, living alone in Wayne County, Tennessee, and his wife, Susannah Rucker Harrison, living with some of her children in the adjoining Tennessee county of Hardin.

I have met and visited and/or corresponded with quite a number of elderly relatives. There is one tradition that they have reported to me in precisely the same way. Because most of these relatives have never met and, until recently, had never heard of one another I believe that the story they tell, which has been passed down to them by parents and grandparents is true and can

be documented. The story is as follows:

My great grandfather, Daniel R. Harrison, generally, was a fine gentleman and a good husband and a loving father. He was a skilled cabinet maker and a good trader. He had his own legally authorized personal seal. Such a seal in those days was a mark of reliability and distinction. His business made it necessary for him to make trips away from home. Sometimes on these trips he drank too much and became ill of alcoholism and failed to return home on schedule. Finally, his eldest, or one of his eldest sons as the case may be - of which I am not sure - my great-uncle, Jimmy, went to his father's home during one of his prolonged illnesses and took his mother and younger brothers from Wayne to Hardin County to his home to live with him. Daniel R. Harrison, not yet fully recovered from his illness, arrived home a few hours after Jimmy had been there. On finding his wife and younger children gone and on learning what had happened, he saddled his fastest horse and chased them, overtaking the party who was traveling in a wagon, the next day. He demanded that Jimmy release his mother and the younger children. Jimmy refused. His father struck him. Jimmy whipped him. The Methodist Church authorities filed charges against Jimmy and tried him. Church trials were frequently conducted in those days. In the trial Jimmy readily admitted that he had whipped his father. The congregation decided that Jimmy must apologize. (While the story, as reported to me, does not indicate that Jimmy's father and mother were sitting in the congregation, on opposite sides, no doubt, I believe they were there.) The minister called Jimmy to the front, asking him to face the congregation, and say: "I am sorry I whipped my father." Instead, Jimmy said, "I am sorry I had to whip my father for I love him very much." His answer was ruled unsatisfactory and he was sent out of the Church building. The preacher and the congregation sang and prayed for Jimmy and in about an hour they sent for him. Upon his return the minister again asked him to face the congregation and say: "I am sorry I whipped my father." Once more, Jimmy said: "I am sorry I had to whip my father for I love him very much." The trial lasted all day long. Jimmy was sent out over and over and returned to the Church building between periods of fervent prayers and songs in his behalf. Every time he was told to tell the congregation: "I am sorry I whipped my father." But he would only say again and again: "I am sorry I had to whip my father for I love him very much." Near the end of the day the weary and exhausted minister and members of the Church decided, to their sorrow, that they must turn Jimmy out of the Church, and they did. Later on he was taken back and became the "big" preacher who will always be revered as long as our Harrison families live.

The Federal Census records of Hardin County show that in 1850 Jimmy and his family and his father, Daniel R. Harrison, were living very close together. There are no Census records in Hardin or nearby counties of my great-grandmother Susannah Rucker Harrison. It is my opinion that my great-grandfather and great-grandmother were reconciled and were living together when she died, which must have been in the early 1840's. I am very sure that Jimmy and his father loved each other to the end of their days. Correction : See page 48.

The Family of Reverend James Steele Harrison

James Steele Harrison, a Methodist Minister, married Mary Murchison, March 11, 1824, in Wayne County, Tennessee.

James Steele Harrison

Born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, April 3, 1801
 Died in Van Buren Co., Ark., Nov. 4, 1883
 Buried in Blufton Cemetery, Van Buren County, Arkansas

Their children were:

-Flora Harrison
 Born in Tennessee, April 19, 1825
 Married Hartwell Greeson
 Died in Arkansas

-Margaret Harrison
 Born in Tennessee, June 20, 1827
 Married Iasom Cook
 (Hartwell Greeson and Iasom Cook were first cousins)

-George Washington Harrison
 Born in Tennessee, Sept. 8, 1829
 Wife's given name was Mary, according to the 1860 Census Records of Van Buren County, Arkansas
 Died in the service of the Confederacy at the Battle of Jonesboro, Arkansas, July 4, 1863

-Nancy Harrison
 Born in Tennessee, March 31, 1832
 Married William Riley Greeson (brother of Hartwell Greeson)
 Died in Arkansas, March 24, 1862

-Elizabeth Harrison
 Born in Tennessee, April 20, 1834
 Died in Tennessee, May 28, 1849

Mary Murchison

Born in Moore County, North Carolina, August 18, 1806
 Died in Van Buren County, Arkansas, June 24, 1866
 Buried in Blufton Cemetery

-Mary Harrison
 Born in Tennessee, October 7, 1836
 Died in Tennessee, November 13, 1839

-Susannah Harrison
 Born in Tennessee, May 29, 1839
 Married George Edward Hatchett, son of Page Hatchett

-Louisa Harrison
 Born in Tennessee, August 8, 1842
 Married Hartwell Greeson (her brother-in-law) after the death of her sister, Flora

-An infant daughter who died at birth in 1844

-Sarah Harrison
 Born in Tennessee, February 16, 1846
 Married Haywood Hatchett, brother of Silas Hatchett, who was also the first husband of Louisa Harrison and a cousin of George Edward Hatchett
 Died in Oklahoma, March 2, 1942

-Nipsy Jane Harrison
 Born in Tennessee, November 2, 1849
 Married Jim Baily and upon his death, married Davis Kemp

My great-uncle, Nathaniel Harrison, was born in 1809, according to Census Records of Henderson County, Texas, of 1860, in which his age was listed as 51 and his birthplace as ~~South Carolina~~. One of his grandsons, Reece Harrison, 81, of Durant, Oklahoma, married Allie Pickens, a sister of my mother. The members of their family and the members of my parental family have been intimately associated and devoted relatives ever since I can remember. Reece Harrison was just a baby when his grandfather, Nathaniel, died. He says that all that he remembers hearing about his grandfather Harrison was that he grew up and lived in the State of Tennessee until all of his children were born, that he moved to Texas, and that he was a farmer and a Cumberland Presbyterian preacher. (Incidentally, Reece Harrison's father's name was Daniel Reece Harrison. His name was Daniel and his initials were "D. R." Both his first given name and his initials were identical with the first name and initials of my great-grandfather, Daniel R. Harrison. I suspect their full given names were the same. Reece Harrison, of Durant, Oklahoma, has the old Family Bible of his father. The Bible shows that Daniel Reece Harrison was born in Wayne County, Tennessee, January 9, 1833.)

We know from Census Records that my great-uncle Nathaniel and his family were living in Wayne County, Tennessee, in 1830 and in 1840. We find him again in the Census Records of Henderson County, Tennessee, in 1860, and in Smith County, Texas, in 1870. We also know from Census Records and/or tradition that he was probably married twice, and that the given name of his second wife (if married twice) was "Sarah". We know from the Census Records beginning in Wayne County, in 1830, and ending in Smith County, Texas, in 1870, that great-uncle Nathaniel had at least seven children. We know from the number and age brackets of children in the 1830 and 1840 Census Records of Wayne County, Tennessee, that he had an elder son and an elder daughter whom I have not found listed by name in subsequent Census Records. We have been able, through the Census Record of 1860 and tradition, to identify five of his seven children, all seven of whom were born in Tennessee. The five are as follows: Daniel Reece, born in 1833; Nathaniel, Jr., born in 1835; James, born in 1836; Rebecca J., born in 1843, and Thomas Daniel, born in 1846. I have not been able to locate my great-uncle in the Census Records of 1850. He, in my opinion, was either in Southern Tennessee, Northern Mississippi, or in East Texas at that time. It is my belief based upon the long period of time - seven years - that transpired between the birth of Nathaniel's son, James Harrison, in 1836, and his daughter, Rebecca Harrison, in 1843, that his first wife had died when James was born, or soon thereafter, and that, therefore, Daniel Reece, Nathaniel, Jr., and James, and the eldest son and eldest daughter who were listed in the age brackets of children in the Wayne County Census Records of 1830 and 1840, and whom I have not been able to identify, were the sons and daughter of Nathaniel by his first wife.

My great-uncle Nathaniel Harrison's sons had many sons and daughters and I am sure that their progeny are all over Texas and throughout this country, but I have been unable, through Reece Harrison, of Durant, Oklahoma, or otherwise, to locate and write any of them in search of more personal information concerning great-uncle Nathaniel.

My great-uncle, Reece Simeon Harrison, was born in 1812, according to the 1860 Census of Van Buren County, Arkansas, in which his age was listed as 48 and his birthplace as Tennessee. All the information I have of great-uncle Reece, with the exception of the Census Records of him and his family in Wayne County, Tennessee, in 1840 and 1850, and Van Buren County, Arkansas, in 1860, has been obtained from and through the kindness of Mrs. Marvin Hatchett of Ada, Oklahoma. Mrs. Hatchett has written me that great-uncle Reece married Mary Polly

Sherfield, who was the widow of a man whose name was Nelson. The Census Reports of 1850 and 1860 of the family reveal that they had the following children: Robert, James, Frances, William H., Simeon Rucker, Melissa, Albert, Jesse G., and Green, all of whom except the latter two were born in Tennessee. Jesse and Green were born in Arkansas.

According to family tradition, my great-uncle Reece Harrison was a local Methodist minister. Mrs. Marvin Hatchett has written me that he was a well-to-do farmer and cattle raiser. She says that during the War Between the States he hid his money and that a group of men learned about it and demanded that he tell them where the money was hidden, and that he refused to tell them. An effort was made to hang him and he was taken to prison and that no one ever heard of him any more.

My great-uncle Albert Daniel Harrison, according to his old family Bible, was born in Tennessee on January 24, 1820. He married Delilah Burton, probably in Tennessee, but it could have been Mississippi, on December 22, 1846. His first child, Reverend William Taylor Harrison, named, I am sure, for two of great-uncle Albert's brothers, was born in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, on January 25, 1848. In a little volume entitled "The History of Old Tishomingo County, Mississippi," written by S. M. Nabors, and covering the period of 1832 to 1940, the author records the fact that in 1853 the County Board of Police - comparable to the County Commissioners Court in Texas - elected Albert Daniel Harrison as a Public School Commissioner for the County to represent the Third District of which there were five. Annually reappointed to the position until 1857, he served four consecutive terms. Records on file at the Corinth, Mississippi Courthouse reflect the further fact that during the same period he served as a Justice of the Peace.

Great-uncle Albert Daniel Harrison and his growing family moved in the fall of 1858 to Hot Spring County, Arkansas. During the nearly 42 years that intervened between the time of his arrival in Arkansas and his death in 1900, he owned land and lived and farmed in Hot Spring and Clark Counties of Arkansas. He was a Confederate soldier during the War Between the States and was subsequently awarded an Arkansas State pension. My great-uncle Albert was a local Methodist minister. He had regular evangelistic appointments at Methodist Churches all over the Methodist District in which he lived. He preached in private homes for the benefit of the afflicted, the aged, and infirm.

Surviving grandchildren of my great-aunt Rachel Harrison Hawkins say that when their grandmother's death was imminent her doctor told her she could not live more than a few days. They report that immediately their grandmother sent for her brother Albert who lived nearby. With holy respect and genuine affection for their grandmother and great-uncle Albert, they make this statement:

"When our great-uncle Albert arrived, he pulled up a chair and sat by our grandmother's bed and said: 'Well, Rachel, they tell me that you are about to cross the dark river and that you want to see me.' She said, 'Yes.' They talked and talked and talked, and their love for each other was deep and their faith was strong, and thus she crossed over the dark river secure and unafraid."

My great-uncle Albert's family Bible Record, according to one of his surviving grandsons, Charles Henry Harrison, of Anson, Texas, is as follows:

Albert Daniel Harrison - Born in Tennessee January 24, 1820
 Died at Point Cedar, Arkansas, March 16, 1900
 Buried in Wesleyan Cemetery, Point Cedar, Arkansas

Married: Delilah Burton December 22, 1846 in Mississippi
 Delilah Burton Harrison - Born February 2, 1827 in Tennessee.
 Died in Point Cedar, Arkansas, Jan. 19, 1892
 Buried in Wesleyan Cemetery, Point Cedar, Arkansas

Their Children

William Taylor Harrison Born in Mississippi, January 25, 1848 Died in Arkansas, July 3, 1891	S. Rutill Harrison Born in Mississippi, February 23, 1856 Died August 9, 1911
Isaac Newton Harrison Born in Mississippi, February 23, 1849 Died April 26, 1881	Charles W. Harrison Born in Arkansas October 4, 1858 Died - date not clear
Sarah Jane Harrison Born in Mississippi, January 4, 1850 Died - date not clear	Rebecca Harrison Born in Arkansas February 27, 1860 Died September 7, 1939
James Calvin Harrison Born in Mississippi, March 25, 1852 Died - date not clear	Albert Bluford Harrison Born in Arkansas July 26, 1864 Died - date not clear
John Burton Harrison Born in Mississippi, November 9, 1853 Died - date not clear	Virginia Ann Harrison Born in Arkansas November 9, 1866 Died December 5, 1867
George A. Harrison Born in Arkansas November 22, 1868 Died October 20, 1938	

My great-aunt Rachel Adline Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins, according to her granddaughter, Miss Minnie Small, of Point Cedar, Arkansas, lived with her children and grandchildren the twenty-three years of her life after her husband died, and named most of their babies for her Harrison relatives.

Miss Small has written me a most interesting statement concerning her grandmother and grandfather Hawkins, in which I believe my readers will be interested. Her story is as follows:

"My grandmother, Rachel Harrison Hawkins, was crippled and had to walk on two crutches from 1862 until her death in 1886. She was riding a horse ~~back~~. The horse stumbled and fell and my grandmother's hip was broken. Her children and grandchildren were foolish about her. She was jovial and told a lot of funny stories. All of her four children lived near one another, and as she moved from the home of one child to the other, her son, my uncle Albert Hawkins, would take her from one place to the other in a wheelbarrow. While she was very happy living with her children, like all of us, she longed for a home of her own. A faithful Christian, she died in my parents' home."

"My grandfather, David Hawkins, was one of the finest men who ever lived. When Uncle Albert Hawkins was called to serve in the War Between the States, my grandfather, knowing that his son was not very well and would probably not be able to stand the hard life of a soldier, asked for the privilege of going in his son's place. He was permitted to do so. It cost him his life. He became ill and was furloughed home and died of typhoid fever.

"My father, Reverend James Taylor Small, was also a local preacher. I remember once hearing our great uncle, Reverend Albert D. Harrison, say to my dad: 'Jimmy, every time you preach, sing a song, such as,

A charge to keep have I
A God to glorify'

"My grandmother, Rachel Harrison, was a Presbyterian until she married my grandfather, David Hawkins, at which time she joined the Methodist Church with him."

In those long and somewhat lonely years my great-aunt Rachel was not only an inspiration to those with whom she lived but also to her living brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews and friends, old and new, who lived far and near. Judging from her "fan mail" from two of her younger sisters, Sintha C. Harrison (Mrs. Thomas H.) Hutchens, and Jane Harrison (Mrs. Jonathan) White, and from their children and from some of my uncles and aunts who were also her nieces and nephews her own letters must have given joy and comfort and courage to them. Being convinced that these letters will afford pleasure to the readers of this Abridged History and provide an opportunity for younger relatives, in particular, to feel the living presence of relatives of long ago and get a glimpse of their style of writing, their social and economic life and their attitudes, I have decided to include after the family record of my great-aunt Rachel, copies and/or excerpts from these old letters, given to me by Rachel's grandchildren, Miss Small, Herman Hawkins, Miss Florence Hawkins and Opa Ann Hawkins (Mrs. J.P.) Vetceto. Some quotations from the letters have already been made. They will not be repeated.

The Bible Record of Herman Hawkins which he has on the library table of his living room, Route 4, Nashville, Arkansas, of his grandfather and grandmother Hawkins and their children, is as follows:

David Hawkins

Born in Tennessee, February 24, 1814
Died in Arkansas, October 24, 1863
Buried in Wesleyan Cemetery, Point Cedar, Arkansas

Rachel A. Hawkins

Born in Tennessee, December 14, 1814
Died in Arkansas, October 17, 1886
Buried in Wesleyan Cemetery, Point Cedar, Arkansas

David Hawkins and Rachel Adline Harrison were married in Old Tishomingo County, Mississippi, on October 11, 1842. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Jonathan Hawkins, brother of David, who was a Methodist preacher. Their children were:

Sophronia Jane Hawkins

Born, Tennessee, July 11, 1843
Married Montgomery O. Campbell
Died in Arkansas, Feb. 17, 1910

Roena J. Hawkins

Born, Tishomingo Co., Miss., Jan. 13, 1846
Married James Taylor Small
Died in Arkansas, April 14, 1914

Albert L. Hawkins

Born, Tishomingo Co., Miss., Oct. 21, 1844
Married Polly Watson
Died in Arkansas, April 3, 1917

John B. Hawkins

Born, Tishomingo Co., Miss., Dec. 29, 1848
Married Virginia Ann McCuen
Died in Arkansas, Jan. 1, 1923

OLD LETTERS AND/OR EXCERPTS AND COMMENTS

Well, dear Sister, I was glad to hear from you but sorry to hear you say that you were so sad and dull-hearted. I don't know for what cause you would be so. On, let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, for in our Father's house are many mansions.

Well, Sister, I received the ring you sent me and did as you requested. I put it on my finger and could not help shedding tears, to think if I could not see you that I could see something that you had worn.

I was glad to hear that the children and families were well and doing well. Well, I haven't got anything to write that I can think of that I think would be interesting to you, and as you said that you were going to Rocna's I don't know that you will get my letter, so I will be short this time. I want you to write to me. Be sure to write and tell the rest of the connection to write to me. So no more this time.

As ever yours,

Sintha Hutchens.

Note: The Census Record of Prentiss County, Mississippi, lists my great-aunt Sintha C. Harrison (Mrs. Thomas H.) Hutchens' post office as Boonville, Miss. The postmark on the envelope in which the above undated letter was enclosed was Jacinto, Miss. Jacinto was the County seat of Old Tishomingo County which was later divided into three Counties - Prentiss, Alcorn and Tishomingo. The letter was to Sintha's sister, my great-aunt Rachel Adline Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins in Arkansas. I am quite sure it was written in the 1870's.

Well, Sister, you said something about my short letter to you before, that I must have been in a great hurry, but you did not know what my hurry was. I don't know that I was in a hurry when I wrote to you before. My letter was short, but on this account, you said you were going to Rocna's to stay awhile in Montgomery Co., so I did not know whether you would get it or not.

I am expecting Sister Jane. I have been to see her, just got home last Sunday was a week. I only stayed one week. They were all well and doing well. She talked a great deal about wanting to see you and wondering if it ever would be so.

I was sorry to hear of so many of the connection being sick, but I hope they are well by this time. There has not been very much sickness here this season as yet, but I fear we will have sickness yet.

Tell Brother Albert of course I will read the book if he will send it. I am always ready to read anything that is good or that I can feel myself profited by. I shall expect to get it.

Well, Rachel, you spoke about Brother Jimmie coming to see you this fall. If he comes, tell him howdy for me. Tell him I would like well to see him once more in this life and I would like to have him come to see me, but if not, tell him to be sure to write me. Now my space is growing narrow, I will have to come to a close. Be sure to write. Tell all the connection to write me. Write soon.

As ever yours,

Sintha C. Hutchens.

Well, Aunt, I intended writing to you this time, but Mama hasn't left me any room. I hope you will excuse me this time and I will write to you if I live, if I have to write it and send it by myself, and I want you to write to me. It would please me well to receive a letter from my dear Aunt that I love so well.

Your devoted niece

Sue

Note: The preceding letters - postscript by her daughter, Sue - were written by Sintha C. Harrison Hutchens to her sister Rachel A. Harrison Hawkins. They were not dated but we know that they were written about eighty years ago. Much of this letter has been quoted in my general story. I have deleted all of the portion quoted except the paragraph with reference to "Brother Jimmy" who was my great-uncle, Rev. James Steele Harrison. "Brother Albert" mentioned in the letter was also my great-uncle, Rev. Albert Daniel Harrison, and "sister Jane" was my great-aunt, Jane Harrison (Mrs. Jonathan) White. Rachel, Sintha, Jane, Jimmy and Albert were among the 13 brothers and sisters of my grandfather, Rev. Daniel Bluford Harrison. The initial "C" in Sintha's name may have stood for Catherine. Susannah C. (Sue) Hutchens was the oldest daughter of my great-aunt Sintha. I am sure Sue was named for her grandmother Susannah Rucker (Mrs. Daniel R.) Harrison and that her initial "C" also probably stood for Catherine. My great-grandmother Susannah Rucker Harrison's mother's name was Catherine (Mrs. George) Rucker. There is a tradition of an older great-aunt Catherine than Sintha C. If the tradition of an older sister by the name of Catherine is a fact, it is still quite possible Sintha's full name was Sintha Catherine Harrison. There were two Daniels who were Sintha's brothers, my grandfather, Daniel Bluford Harrison, and Albert Daniel Harrison; and so there could have been two sisters having one of the same given names.

Well Albert, dear Nephew,

A few words to let you know that I have not forgotten you. I think of you often, though I don't write often and I am glad to know that you haven't forgotten me. And I think if you were anxious to know of my grandness you would come and test it. If you will come I will do the best I can for you. I would be glad that you were here now to eat peaches and apples with me.

Albert, I want you to tell me what has become of Taylor. I have inquired of some of the rest, but I did not learn. I would be glad to hear from him.

Your Uncle said to give you his compliments, that he did not have time to write this time, but that he would write to you and for you to write to him. Be sure to write.

I will close for the present.

Your aunt as ever,

Sintha Hutchens.

Note: The nephew, Albert, to whom this letter was written, was the elder son of Rachel A. Harrison Hawkins and David Hawkins. Taylor was great-uncle Albert's eldest child. He was an able Methodist minister and teacher and school administrator.

Martinsburg Mo., April 11, 1860

Mr. David Hawkins

Dear Sir:

I once more take up my pen to write you. Your sister's children are all well that are in this country. John H. Tilly is gone to Barry Co., Mo. Joseph is living with my Mother. The rest of the children are living in the neighborhood at very good places.

You wanted to know if the estate was sufficient for their necessities. I can say I think it is. It is worth about \$350. There were some debts out. I think there will be enough left to educate the children. I intend to expend the means that way for I think that would be worth more to them than forty or fifty dollars to each and no schooling.

You wanted to know the date and disease of Lewis Tilly's death. He died April 4, 1857. His disease was pneumonia. He never made any profession of religion before he took sick. They had singing and prayer with him during his sickness several times. He told Simon Ketchen before he died that he was willing to die and wanted his friends to meet him in heaven. Your sister died of congestion of the brain. Your Uncle Solomon Ketchen is dead. He died last Thursday of pneumonia. Thus passed away a faithful soldier of the cross.

No more from your sincere friend -

Wm. W. Howell

Note: The above letter to David Hawkins, husband of my great-aunt Rachel Harrison Hawkins, from an old friend, reflects the great buying power of a little money in those days, and the spiritual life and simple faith of people.

Old Cairo Prentiss Co Miss.
Jan the 8 1881

I write you a letter to inform you that I am well at present. This leaves the rest all well, hoping to hear from you all soon and that you are all well.

Aunt, I have not very much of importance to write you. There has been a heap of sickness in old Miss this summer and fall last. The typhoid fever was mostly what ailed the people. My youngest brother had a very bad spell of the fever but he has gotten well. There have been a great many deaths around here, more than I ever heard tell of in one year, and now the sickness has stopped.

Well, Aunt, do you have any school pupils out there? If you all have schools and no pupils I have a great mind to say that I will come out there for I can't write a letter for the people talking about schools. Excuse me until better times.

Well Aunt we looked for you last summer but that was all in vain. I would like very much to see all of my connection, being as I have never seen any of them.

From Sallie White to Aunt Rachel Hawkins

A few words to Cousin John: Well I have not anything of interest to write you. We have some very fine weather. It rains all the time here almost. J. R. White and J. W. White are going to leave us in the morning. They are going to teaching school. Well Johnnie there are about six mills in hearing of us. Johnnie I have written three letters to you and your mother and have not any answer yet. If you get this letter, please answer me. Write soon, fail not. When this you

see, remember me, tho many a mile apart we be. Look over bad writing and spelling.

From Sallie J. White to Johnic Hawkins - write soon, fail not.

Note: Sarah J. (Sallie) White and her teacher brothers to whom she referred, Jonathan Rucker White and John Wesley White, were three of the children of my great-aunt Jane Harrison (Mrs. Jonathan) White.

March 24 1882

Well I will write you a few lines to inform you that we are all well at present and I hope when these few lines come to hand they will find you all well. We received your letter and was glad to hear from you all. We are ahaving some very cool weather here. Peaches and apples are killed.

Well Mary is gone again to Jacinto and I am astaying with Mother and my brothers. Mother is getting to look old. Her hair is very gray. She talks of coming to see you all but I don't think she will ever get off. I sometimes think that I will come out to see you, and since you wrote that letter I have studidc no little about it.

Times are hard here. Corn is a dollar and a half a bushel. Aunt, give my love to all the kin, and tell them to write me.

I will close by asking you all to write soon, and fail not -

From Sallie White to Aunt Rachel Hawkins.

Old Cairo Prentiss Co Miss
December 21, 1882

Mrs. R. A. Hawkins

Dear Sister:

Yours of the eleventh ult. came safe to hand; and was read and re-read with great pleasure. Glad to hear that the sick are getting well. We are all well except that we have very bad colds, and the younger girl, the chills now and then. We have had some of as cold weather as I ever experienced in this country. Rachel, you spoke of being in better health than usual, and of moving to yourself. I wish you would come over and live with me. The boys are building houses and I think I could get them to build us a little room in which we might pass our old days together listening to the song of your little "Musician".

Well, I reckon I had better tell you about how the people of old Miss. are getting along. There hasn't been any bad sickness this fall. Everybody made enough corn, and, perhaps, has enough hogs to make his meat. Cotton, in this part, was nearly a failure. I must tell you about my garden and turnip patch. I have the finest garden of cabbage in the country and turnips enough to do me this winter. Come over and eat turnips and hog's jowl with me; you may think I am not a very good company keeper, like I was when you had to keep me awake the time I handed in threads to you, sitting on the back of the loom, but if you will come over, I will show you. I would like to talk over all our old-time "scrapes".

As it is getting late I will close for this time. Hoping to hear from you soon,

Your sister, Jane White

Old Cairo
Prentiss Co Miss

Well, Rachel, you wanted to know all my children's names. It will take some paper and ink but I will try it, commencing with first - David Harrison, Jonathan Rucker, William Tuggle, Sarah Jane, Charles Wesley, Martha Ann Sintha Alline. My youngest girl has name enough for three chaps. These are the names of my living children. I have one dead. His name was George Washington. He died when small. You know I raised three step children, 2 girls and one boy. The girls married. Mary the oldest is living with me, has one child, a girl 14 years old. Fletcher has 7 children. She lives close to me, where I can see them often. James stays with me yet - I would not know how to do without Jim.

Tell A. L. I intend to write a long letter when I get moved into my new house - we all turn 'round and in a bluster, and it is a serious thing to take up the task of writing a letter.

So I stop for this time

Jane to R A

Susie Franks married a man by the name of Wright and her post office is Lillard's Mill, Marshall Co., Tenn.

Note: In my great-aunt Jane Harrison (Mrs. Jonathan) White's undated letter to her sister, my great-aunt Rachel Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins, reference was made to "A.L." and to Susie Franks. A. L. was Albert L. Hawkins, elder son of Rachel. Susannah (Susie) Franks was a younger daughter of my great-aunt Nancy Harrison (Mrs. Frederick) Franks. The Frederick Franks family up to that time was reflected in the Census of Hardin County, Tennessee, in 1850.

Old Cairo Prentiss Co Miss
March the 30th 1883

My Dear Sister -

I take the pleasure in writing to you this morning to inform you that we are all well. I am not, but as well as could be expected. Well, Rachel, I have not much to write but I will do the best I can.

Well, Rachel, Eali Hutchins' wife is dead. She died September last. She is done with her troubles in this world and is now taking her rest. Martha Woodruff was here not long since. She talks of you often. She said you used to come to Sintha Hutchens when they were all sick and tell her how to cook. She said she always liked to see you acoming so you could tell her how to cook. She said put in howdy.

Aunt Susie Miles is still living. She has not seen daylight in years. Old Dr. Ladens wife is still living. She lives in Corinth but the old Dr. is dead. He died in time of the war. Well, Rachel, I can study about old times that have past and my old friends that are dead and gone, and am still alooking forward when I can see them in heaven and there we will all meet to part no more. Well Rachel I study no little about you. I was sorry to hear of your bad health. I was in hopes that I would get to see you one more time.

Well I have written enough. So goodbye.

Truly yours

Jane White to Rachel Hawkins

Write soon, fail not. Tell the connection to write me.

Old Cairo Prentiss Co Miss
July 1, 1885

Dear Cousin:

I received your letter. Was glad to hear from you. I reckon you thought I never would answer your letter. I have been busy and haven't had time to answer your letter till today, I thought I would answer it.

John, the big meeting comes off next September. I wrote you to come out here then. John, do you belong to the church or not? Well, John, you said that you lost that letter I sent you. I am sorry that you lost it. I wanted you to keep it as long as you lived. I don't expect I ever will see you without you come: John, how many sisters have you got and how many brothers have you got? John, I picked you out a sweetheart but you would never come and she is gone now. She moved in May. I expect that you have got one out there that you would like better anyhow.

Well I will close for this time. Hoping to hear from you soon,

From Mattie White to John Campbell

Note: Martha (Mattie) White was the youngest daughter of my great-aunt Jane Harrison White and John Campbell was a grandson of my great-aunt Rachel Harrison Hawkins.

Old Cairo Prentiss Co Miss.
November the 24 1885

Mrs. R A Hawkins

Dear Aunt:

I will write you a few lines. It has not been long since I wrote to you but as times have changed I will write you again. I wrote to you the 15th of this month and wrote some for Mother but now I am done writing for her. She bid us all farewell the 18th of this month. She said she wanted to stay with us longer but if it was the good Lord's will she would have to go. She prayed for rest ever since she got sick and two days before she died she got so she could not get her breath without struggling hard. About a half hour before she died she asked the blessed Savior to give her rest, and said - let me turn over - and that was the last word she said.

Mother wanted you to have her specks and I am going to send them to you. She said if they did not suit you, may be they would suit Uncle Albert. She wanted you or him, one or the other, to have them. I may not send them today but if I don't I will start them next Friday.

Well Aunt I feel like I was ruined forever. I am going to do better and meet her and Pappie and brother in their happy home. I aim to live as nigh right as I know how and meet my friends and connections all in heaven. Well Aunt, I sang songs for Mother. I will tell you some of the words - There is a crown for you and there is a crown for me, yes, bless the Lord there is a crown for us all, and she sang Home Sweet Home the last song she sang, but I can't sing any now. I never will forget those songs as long as I live.

Now Aunt I want you to write to me. I can't be with you any. I would like to read a letter from any of you out there. I have got no one to go to for good advice. I want you to write to me often. Give my love to all.

Goodbye for this time.

Sallie White.

Note: Sallie J. White's "Pappie" died in 1869, just before her baby sister, Martha A. (Mattie) White, was born. The deceased brother whom she mentioned was George Washington White who was named by his mother, my great-aunt Jane, no doubt, for one of her elder brothers and/or George Washington Harrison, the only son of my great-uncle, Reverend James Steele (Jimmy) Harrison, who was killed in the Battle of Jonesboro, Arkansas, in the War Between the States. A portion of Sallie's touching letter of November 24, 1885, has been deleted because I have quoted it in my general story.

Old Cairo, Miss
August 13, 1886

Dear Aunt:

I received your most welcome letter on the 10th instance which was carefully read and contents duly noted. Glad to hear from you once more.

Well, Aunt would like to be out there with you to go to preaching as we do not have any near here except a church two miles from us. I cannot go that far to get to church. The preacher does not preach more than one sermon a day so I stay home and haven't heard him preach this year. The preachers here will not preach unless they get big pay for preaching. Some of them want the people of this circuit to pay them \$500 a year or they would not come round even the first time, so they can stay at home and I will do the same. I don't think this high preaching is liable to do me any good.

I will give you some news concerning our crops. Corn on upland will make a half crop. Bottom land will not make anything only weeds and grass. Cotton on upland is fine. It will be the best for several years if nothing happens to it. Flour is worth \$6.00 per barrel, corn 65 cts per bushel. The health of the people is good with the exception of a few who live round those streams and saw-mills. They have chills and fever the year round.

Well Aunt it is getting late and am bringing this letter to a close by saying write soon.

From D. H. White To R. A. Hawkins.

Note: This letter was from a son of Jonathan White and Jane Harrison White to his Aunt Rachel Harrison Hawkins. Both Rachel and Jane were sisters of my grandfather, Rev. Daniel Bluford Harrison. The full name of D. H. White was David Harrison White.

Cuthen, P.O.
Red River County
State of Texas
February 26, 1873

Mrs. Rachel Hawkins (Clark County, Arkansas)

Dear Aunts and Cousins:

I wish to trouble (you) with a short note to let you know that I have not forgotten you all. Tell Uncle Albert to write to me. Tell me everything. What you all are doing. I received a letter a short time back from one of (my) cousins by the name of Daniel Reece Harrison. His father and mother are dead and all of the children but three, himself and two brothers. He has five children, two dead, three living, has twin babes. He wrote to me to write to you all. He says

for you all to write to him. He lives in Smith County, Texas, Tyler P. O. He has been living in Texas 25 years.

I want you all to write to me. Be sure. We are living here alone. None of my Harrison connection is here. I have five children, four boys, one girl. We are all well. Times are tolerably hard here this year. No moisture. We had a drouth last year.

I will come to a close by saying to you all to write soon and give my love to all the connection. Receive the same. I expect to go to Polk County this summer when the crop is laid by. I would be glad to meet some of you there. So goodbye.

Roxana Oliver

Note: Roxana Harrison (Mrs. W. P.) Oliver was my father's, James J. (Jim) Harrison, oldest sister. Their parents were Rev. Daniel Bluford and Mary Elizabeth Joplin Harrison. Daniel Reece Harrison, her cousin to whom she referred in her letter to my great-aunt Rachel Harrison Hawkins, was an elder son of my great-uncle Nathaniel Harrison. Daniel Reece's two surviving brothers were Nathaniel Harrison, Jr., and James Harrison. Her uncle to whom she referred was my great-uncle, Rev. Albert D. Harrison. Much of her letter has been deleted because of quotations from it made elsewhere. Polk County, Arkansas, to which aunt Roxana referred, was the county in which most of her 11 brothers and sisters were born. Her father was living in Scott County, Arkansas, at that time.

Bluffdale, Tex.
August 30, 1909

Mrs. Roena Small
Point Cedar, Ark.

Dear Cousin:

I'm sick today, but think I will feel better when I get some of that fried chicken they are talking about - Cousins Tyra and Jane Reece, William and Georgia Ann Harrison, myself and Roy Reece are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Howard today, and they are sending you a letter and said I might write a word or two.

I have been going to meeting about four weeks. The Methodists closed out at Bluffdale last night; we had a good meeting and some as good preaching as I ever heard. Tolar, seven miles east of Buffalo closed out last night with something near over one hundred conversions. Lipan twelve miles north - had sixty conversions and something near half of them joined the Baptists. So you see we are not only helping the Methodists, but are doing good for all!

Love to all, I am

Your cousin,

C. H. Harrison

Note: Charles Henry Harrison, writer of the above letter, is a grandson of my great-uncle, Rev. Albert D. Harrison. Charles Henry's father was Rev. Wm. Taylor Harrison. Mrs. Roena Small was the younger daughter of my great-aunt Rachel Harrison Hawkins and David Hawkins. Jane Harrison (Mrs. Tyra) Reece was one of my father's elder sisters. Georgia Ann Reece (Mrs. Wm.) Harris and Nancy Roena Reece (Mrs. W. F.) Howard and Roy Reece to whom reference was made, were among the 13 children of my aunt Jane and Rev. Tyra Reece. My cousin Roy Reece lives in Houston, and Charles Henry Harrison lives at Anson, Texas.

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CENSUS RECORDS OF THE FAMILIES OF SEVERAL OF
DANIEL BLUFORD HARRISON'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND COMMENTS

1830 Wayne County, Tenn. Census of
James Steele (Jimmy) Harrison

James S. Harrison

1 male under 5
1 " 15 - 20
1 " 20 - 30
1 female under 5
1 " 5 - 10
1 " 20 - 30

1840 Hardin County, Tenn. Census of
James Steele (Jimmy) Harrison

James S. Harrison

1 male 5 to 10
1 " 30 to 40
1 female under 5
2 " 5 to 10
2 " 10 to 15
1 " 30 to 40

Comment: The male of 15 to 20 in the 1830 Census was probably great-uncle Jimmy's brother, Reece, then 18, or his brother, Daniel B., then 14 or 15.

1850 Hardin County, Tennessee Census

James S. Harrison	-	50	-	Manufacturer & Trader	-	Born, South Carolina
Mary	"	-	45	Wife	-	" North Carolina
George W.	"	-	20	Son	-	" Tennessee
Susannah	"	-	12	Daughter	-	" "
Louisa	"	-	7	"	-	" "
Sarah	"	-	3	"	-	" "
Nipsy Jane	"	-	9/12	"	-	" "

1860 Van Buren County, Arkansas Census

James S. Harrison	-	59	-	Farmer	-	Born, South Carolina
Mary	"	-	54	Wife	-	" North Carolina
Sarah	"	-	15	Daughter	-	" Tennessee
Nipsy Jane	"	-	11	"	-	" "

Comments: The Family Record of my great-uncle, Reverend James Steele (Jimmy) Harrison, for whom my father, James J. (Jim) Harrison was named, thanks to M^s. Marvin Hatchett of Ida, Oklahoma, who sent a copy of it to me, has been included in my main story.

1850 Hardin County, Tenn. Census of
Nancy Harrison (Mrs. Frederick) Franks

Frederick B. Franks	-	47	-	Farmer	-	Born, North Carolina
Nancy	"	-	45	Wife	-	" South-Carolina Tennessee
Archibald	"	-	22	Son	-	" Tennessee
Louisa	"	-	16	Daughter	-	" "
Marion	"	-	13	Son	-	" "
Margaret	"	-	9	Daughter	-	" "
Henry	"	-	7	Son	-	" "
George	"	-	2	"	-	" "

Comments: In an undated letter from my great-aunt Jane Harrison (Mrs. Jonathan) White, to her sister, Rachel Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins, great-aunt Jane told her that Susie Franks had married a man by the name of Wright, and that the couple's post office was Lillard's Mill, Marshall County, Tennessee. The

letter was written some time in about 1870. Margaret could have been known by the name of Susie, or Susie may have been born shortly after the 1850 Census or my great-aunt Nancy's family had been taken.

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1830 Wayne County, Tenn. Census of
Nathaniel Harrison

Nathaniel Harrison
1 male under 5
1 male 20 to 30
1 female 20 to 30

1840 Wayne County, Tenn. Census of
Nathaniel Harrison

Nathaniel Harrison
1 male under 5
2 " 5 - 10
1 " 10 - 15
1 " 30 - 40
1 female under 10
1 " 30 - 40

1860 Henderson County, Texas Census

Nathaniel Harrison - 51	-	Farmer	-	Born in South Carolina
Sarah " - 40	-	Wife	-	" " Alabama
Rebecca J. " - 17	-	Daughter	-	" " Tennessee
Thomas Daniel " - 14	-	Son	-	" " "

Comments: Sarah seems to have been my great-uncle Nathaniel's second wife and she was unless the Census record of her age of 40 in the 1860 Census was in error. His wife in the Census of 1830 was listed as 20 to 30 and in the Census of 1840 as 30 to 40. She would have been, if alive, 50 to 60 in 1860. I feel sure that she was dead in 1860, and that great-uncle Nathaniel's youngest child by her was James Harrison who was 24 in 1860.

1870 Smith County, Texas Census

Nathaniel Harrison - 60	-	Farmer	-	Born in South Carolina
Elizabeth " - 43	-	?	-	" " Missouri
George " - 14	-	?	-	" " Tennessee
Allen " - 14	-	?	-	" " "

Comments: The Smith County Census of 1870 was taken early in the year, whereas the 1860 Census of Henderson County was taken late in the year. This accounts for age discrepancies in these two Censuses of great-uncle Nathaniel and indicates clearly that he celebrated his 61st birthday in 1870, after the Census had been taken. It can reasonably be assumed that Sarah, his second wife, had died and that Elizabeth Harrison, 43, in the 1870 Census was not his wife and that George and Allen, the twins of 14, were not his sons. George and Allen were 4 years old in 1860, but they did not appear in the 1860 Census of The Nathaniel Harrison Family. It is my surmise that Elizabeth Harrison was the widow of great-uncle Nathaniel's eldest son and that George and Allen Harrison were Nathaniel's grandsons. To aid those who may wish to seek more light on the life of my great-uncle Nathaniel, I am recording here the names of the members of the families of his three sons of whom I have Census records over three decades. They are as follows:

1. Daniel Reece Harrison's wife was Ethel Bolds. Their children were Richard, Mary, Henrietta, Lugenia i.e. (Lou), J. R. (Reece) and May and Ada, twins. Richard died young. All of the others are now dead except Reece Harrison of Durant, Oklahoma.

2. Nathaniel Harrison, Junior's wife's given name was Phoebe. Their children up to the 1880 Census were Albert J., Joseph W., Missouri A., Melissa, Paralce, Simeon and Delilah.
3. James Harrison's wife's given name was Mary E. Their children as of the 1880 Census were George W., William C., Mary F., James W., Thomas, Nathaniel III, Bessie I., Louis A., and Nancy A.

Some of the sons of Nathaniel Jr. and James Harrison may still be alive, for there are several who would be only from 79 to 90 at this time. We know from a letter written by my Aunt Roxanna Harrison (Mrs. W. P.) Oliver, that on February 26, 1873, to her Aunt Rachel Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins, that my great-uncle Nathaniel had died between the time when his 1870 Census was taken and the time her letter was written.

1840 Wayne County, Tennessee Census of
Reece Simcon Harrison

R. S. Harrison

2 males under 5
1 " 5 - 10
1 " 20 - 30
1 female under 5
1 " 20 - 30
1 " 40 - 50

Comment: The female of 40 to 50 was probably Mrs. Reece S. Harrison's mother. My great-uncle Reece's mother, Susannah Harrison and her single children at home at the time, appeared in the 1840 Census of Hardin County, Tennessee.

1850 Wayne County, Tennessee Census

R. S. Harrison	-	38	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Mary	"	37	-	Wife	"	" Georgia
Robert	"	13	-	Son	"	" Tennessee
Frances	"	12	-	Daughter	"	"
James	"	10	-	Son	"	"
William H.	"	7	-	"	"	"
Simeon R.	"	6	-	"	"	"
Melissa	"	4	-	Daughter	"	"
Albert	"	1	-	Son	"	"

1860 Van Buren County, Arkansas Census

Reece Harrison	-	48	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Mary "	-	50	-	Wife	-	" " Georgia
William H. "	-	18	-	Son	-	" " Tennessee
Rucker "	-	16	-	"	-	" " "
McLissa "	-	14	-	Daughter	-	" " "
Albert "	-	12	-	Son	-	" " "
Jesse G. "	-	8	-	"	-	" " Arkansas
Green "	-	4	-	"	-	" " "

Comments: My great-uncle, Reece Simeon Harrison, in my opinion, received his first name, Reece, from his father, my great grandfather, whose full name, I believe, was Daniel Reece Harrison. Surely he received his middle name, Simeon, from his mother, Susannah Rucker (Mrs. Daniel R.) Harrison's brother, Simeon Bluford Rucker. Census takers made a mistake in recording my great-uncle Reece's wife Mary's age in 1850. Mrs. Marvin Hatchett informs me that the Mary in the Census Records of 1850 and 1860 was the same person and that the age listed in 1860 was correct. She was great-uncle Reece's only wife, I am told.

My great-uncle Reece, and Mary, had a son, as reflected in the Censuses of 1850 and 1860, whose name was Simeon Rucker Harrison. Rucker Harrison named one of his sons Bluford, a name of family significance. My grandfather was Daniel Bluford Harrison. My grandfather and my great-uncle Reece are said to have been two of fourteen full brothers and sisters.

1850 Old Tishomingo County, Miss. Census of Rachel Adline Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins

David Hawkins	-	36	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Rachel A. "	-	35	-	Wife	-	" " "
Suphronia J. "	-	7	-	Daughter	-	" " "
Albert L. "	-	6	-	Son	-	" " Mississippi
Roena J. "	-	4	-	Daughter	-	" " "
John B. "	-	1	-	Son	-	" " "

Comment: Rachel Adline Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins was one of my great-aunts. She and my grandfather, Reverend Daniel B. Harrison, were near the same age. They and their families were very close as long as they lived.

1860 Clark County, Arkansas Census

David Hawkins	-	46	-	Teacher and Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Rachel A. "	-	45	-	Wife	-	" " "
Suphronia Jane "	-	17	-	Daughter	-	" " "
Albert L. "	-	16	-	Son	-	" " Mississippi
Roena J. "	-	14	-	Daughter	-	" " "
John B. "	-	11	-	Son	-	" " "

Comments: Roena J. Hawkins and James Taylor Small were the parents of Miss Minnie Small. John B. Hawkins and his wife, whose maiden name was Virginia McCuen, were the parents of Herman Hawkins, Miss Florence Hawkins and Opa Ann Hawkins (Mrs. A. P.) Vetceto. These three and Miss Small have been extremely helpful to me in writing my History of my Harrison grandparents. Opa Ann Hawkins and her deceased twin sister, Belizonia Hawkins (Mrs. Charles W.) Massey, were named for my father's two youngest sisters. Marriage and Bible Records of great-aunt Rachel and David Hawkins have been recorded in my "Abridged History".

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1840 Old Tishomingo County, Mississippi Census

Family of George Washington Harrison

1 male 20 - 30
2 males under 5
1 male 5 - 10
1 female 20 - 30
1 female under 5
1 female 5 - 10

My great-uncle, George Washington Harrison, died between 1847 and 1850. George C. Harrison of Savannah, Hardin County, Tennessee, told me that his grandfather, George W. Harrison, died in middle age after a brief illness of pneumonia. George W. Harrison's widow, Mary Jane, whose maiden surname may have been Gillis, married John Dunkin, a widower. They had a daughter, Flora H. Dunkin. The children of George W. and Mary Jane Harrison, listed in the 1850 Wayne County, Tennessee Census of Jane Harrison, then a widow, identified their children, at home, as Eliza, Joseph T., Mary E., Nancy J., John Gillis, and George Rucker Harrison, in age ranges from 3 to 19. Based on the above 1840 Census, my great-uncle George was probably nearer 30 than 20 years of age, hence born about 1810.

I have a copy of the Hardin County, Tennessee Will of Joseph T. Harrison. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Hauck. I suspect that his full name was Joseph Taylor Harrison, named for two of his Harrison uncles. John Gillis Harrison was born January 18, 1844. His wife's maiden name was Leatha J. Banks. Two of his sons, George C. and Joseph Harrison, live at Savannah, Hardin County, Tennessee. George Rucker Harrison was born October 26, 1846, in Wayne County, Tennessee. His only surviving child is Ira Dewitt Harrison, 2570 41st St., Sacramento, California. George R. Harrison's wife's maiden name was Delina Hester McFall. She and her husband and a son, Hubert, are buried in the Masonic Lawn Cemetery at Sacramento.

After Reverend George Rucker Harrison's death on July 7, 1927, "The Advance," national journal, Presbyterian Church U.S.A., paid editorial tribute to him as follows:

"The Advance" wishes to pay tribute to the memory of a man who rendered a highly important service at a critical time, the late George Rucker Harrison. Mr. Harrison was a Cumberland Presbyterian minister of fine character and great force. When the question of union was pending - 1903 to 1907 - he lived in Texas where a few prejudiced persons caused much antagonism. Mr. Harrison founded and conducted a church paper at Dallas called "The Western Presbyter." Without hope of financial gain, he put into it time, brain and cold cash. Greatest of all, he put into it his own broad Christian spirit. A Southerner to the manner born, he had no sympathy with a sectional spirit, and he put the kingdom above any sect. For the true principles of Christ he labored incessantly and at great cost - often in the loneliness that only such workers know; but he influenced many by his leadership and the church in Texas today owes much to the brave and devoted service of this minister. Thank God for such men as George Rucker Harrison.

1850 Old Tishomingo County, Miss. Census of
Albert Daniel Harrison

Albert D. Harrison	-	30	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Delilah	"	22	-	Wife	-	" " "
Wm. Taylor	"	2	-	Son	-	" " Mississippi
Isaac N.	"	1	-	"	-	" " "

*See page 10
 Feb 10th 1850
 Albert Daniel Harrison
 Wm. Taylor & son -
 Isaac N. and his family*

Comments: My great-uncle, Reverend Albert Daniel Harrison's Bible Record of his family has been fully given in my general story. I am deeply indebted to one of his grandsons, Charles Henry Harrison of Anson, Texas, for the Family Record and for providing other useful data.

1850 Old Tishomingo County, Miss. Census of
Sintha C. Harrison (Mrs. Thomas H.) Hutchens

Thomas H. Hutchens	-	35	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Sintha C.	"	26	-	Wife	-	" " "
Viannah	"	7	-	Daughter	-	" " Mississippi
Susannah C.	"	4	-	"	-	" " "
Pleasant L.	"	2	-	Son	-	" " "
Columbus R.	"	2/12	-	"	-	" " "

Cynthia

Comments: My great-aunt's full name was probably Sintha Catherine Harrison (Mrs. Thomas H.) Hutchens. Her daughter, Susannah C., was no doubt named for her mother, Susannah Rucker (Mrs. Daniel R.) Harrison and herself.

1860 Old Tishomingo County, Miss. Census

Thomas H. Hutchens	-	45	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Sintha C.	"	36	-	Wife	-	" " "
Viannah	"	17	-	Daughter	-	" " Mississippi
Susannah C.	"	14	-	"	-	" " "
Pleasant L.	"	12	-	Son	-	" " "
Frances E.	"	4	-	Daughter	-	" " "
Irvin R.	"	1	-	Son	-	" " "

Comments: It will be noted in the Census of 1850 that my great-aunt Sintha, and Thomas Hutchens had a son, Columbus R. Hutchens, who was two months old. The "R" in the boy's name must have stood for the middle name of Rucker or Reece. Columbus no doubt died early, for he does not appear in the 1860 Census. The 1860 Census reflects another son in the family with the initial "R" for his middle name, Irvin R. Hutchens, who was 1 year old. Again the "R" must have stood for Rucker or Reece - surely both of these names are significant in my Harrison-Rucker ancestry.

1870 Prentiss County, Miss. Census, Booneville Post Office

Thomas H. Hutchens	-	55	-	Farmer	-	Born in Tennessee
Sintha C.	"	46	-	Wife	-	" " "
Susannah C.	"	23	-	Daughter	-	" " Mississippi
Frances E.	"	13	-	"	-	" " "
Irvin R.	"	11	-	Son	-	" " "
Lorena O.	"	5	-	Daughter	-	" " "

Comments: Old letters from great-aunt Sintha Harrison Hutchens have given us a glimpse into her fine life and philosophy.

Old Tishomingo County, Miss. Census of Jane Harrison (Mrs. Jonathan) White

1850

Jonathan White	- 28	- Farmer	- Born in North Carolina
Jane White	- 24	- Wife	- Born in Tennessee
Mary White	- 6	- His Daughter	- Born in Mississippi
Amanda White	- 4	- His Daughter	- Born in Mississippi
James White	- 2	- His Son	- Born in Mississippi

1860

Jonathan White	- 40	- Farmer	- Born in North Carolina
Jane White	- 26	- Wife	- Born in Tennessee
Mary White	- 15	- His Daughter	- Born in Mississippi
Amanda White	- 14	- His Daughter	- Born in Mississippi
James W. White	- 12	- His Son	- Born in Mississippi
David Harrison White	- 9	- Their Son	- Born in Mississippi
Jonathan Rucker White	- 6	- Their Son	- Born in Mississippi
George Washington White	- 4	- Their Son	- Born in Mississippi
William Tuggle White	- 1	- Their Son	- Born in Mississippi

1870 Prentiss County, Miss. Census, Booneville Post Office

Jane White	- 40	- Housekeeper	- Born in Tennessee
James W. White	- 21	- Step-son	- Born in Mississippi
David Harrison White	- 19	- Son	- Born in Mississippi
Jonathan Rucker White	- 16	- Son	- Born in Mississippi
William Tuggle White	- 12	- Son	- Born in Mississippi
Sarah Jane White	- 9	- Daughter	- Born in Mississippi
Charles Wesley White	- 5	- Son	- Born in Mississippi
Martha A. White	- 10/12	- Daughter	- Born in Mississippi

According to marriage records of 1845-1850 of Old Tishomingo County, Mississippi, at Corinth, my great-aunt Jane Harrison was married to Jonathan White by Reverend T. M. Patrick, February 12th, 1850. The above 1850 census of Jane Harrison White and her family, taken in March, 1850, shows her age as 24.

The Census Record of my great-grandmother, Susannah Harrison, in Hardin County, Tennessee, taken late in the year, 1840, included two daughters in the age brackets of 15 to 20. I am convinced that my great-aunt Jane was 25 and my great-aunt Sintha Harrison Hutchins, 27, at the time the 1840 census was taken.

My great-aunt Jane seemed to have been age conscious, thus accounting for the inaccuracies in the ages given by or for her when the census records were taken in the decades subsequent to 1850.

We know from old letters exchanged between ancient relatives that Jonathan White died in 1870. James W. White, taking his father's place, was running the farm at that time. In one of her letters to her sister, Rachel Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins in Arkansas, my great-aunt Jane wrote: "I could not get along without Jimmy." In another letter she wrote Rachel that Martha's full name is: "Martha Ann Sintha Adline White." - - Martha was called "Mattie", and signed her letters by that name. Sarah Jane White signed her letters, and was called, Sallie.

1880 Prentiss County, Mississippi Census - Beat 5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>			<u>Born</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Jane White	52	Mother	Keeping House	Tenn.	N.C.	Virginia
James W. White	31	Step-son	Farmer	Miss.	Tenn.	Miss.
David Harrison White	28	Son	Farmer	Miss.	Tenn.	Tenn.
Jonathan Rucker White	25	Son	Farmer	Miss.	Tenn.	Tenn.
William Tuggle White	21	Son	Farmer	Miss.	Tenn.	Tenn.
Sarah Jane White	17	Daughter	At Home	Miss.	Tenn.	Tenn.
Charley Wesley White	14	Son	School	Miss.	Tenn.	Tenn.
Martha A. White	9	Daughter	School	Miss.	Tenn.	Tenn.

1880 Clark County, Arkansas Census-Amity Township

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>		<u>Born</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Albert D. Harrison	60	Minister and Farmer	Tenn.	Virginia	Virginia
Delilah Harrison	52	Wife	Tenn.	Virginia	Tenn.
Rebecca Harrison	20	Daughter	Ark.	Tenn.	Tenn.
Joseph Harrison	15	Son	Ark.	Tenn.	Tenn.
George A. Harrison	11	Son	Ark.	Tenn.	Tenn.

The 1880 Census Records of my great-aunt Jane and my great-uncle Albert Daniel Harrison reached me after most of this book had been completed -- see page 60 for earlier information on my great-uncle Albert. Jane reported in 1880 that her father, Daniel R. Harrison, was born in North Carolina as did Daniel R. Harrison, himself, or some-one for him in the Hardin County, Tennessee, Census of 1850. My great-uncle, Albert, in 1880, reported his father's birthplace as Virginia. It is reasonable to assume that my great-grandfather, Daniel R. Harrison, was born in a North Carolina County that may have been originally in the State of Virginia. Both my great-aunt Jane and my great-uncle Albert in their 1880 census, indicated above, gave documentary evidence of the tradition that their mother, my great-grandmother, Susannah Rucker (Mrs. Daniel R.) Harrison, was born in Virginia. Glaring errors were made in the Census reports of the age of my great-aunt Jane from 1860 to 1880. On page 75 I have indicated that I was certain that she was 25 before the end of the year, 1840, hence 55 in 1880.

In the 1880 Census of my great-aunt Jane White and family the birthplace of the children's father, Jonathan White, was listed as Tennessee. In the 1850 and 1860 Census Records of Old Tishomingo County, Mississippi, Jonathan White, then alive, gave his birthplace as North Carolina. It is entirely possible that Jonathan White was born in a Northeastern Tennessee County that was in North Carolina at the time of his birth. It is also possible, of course, that a mistake was made in reporting the 1880 Census, insofar as the birthplace of Jonathan White was concerned.

DANIEL BLUFORD HARRISON, THE MASON

I am indebted to Ernest W. St. John, publisher of the Mena Arkansas Star, for Minutes of the Dallas Lodge No. 128 A. F. & A. M. of Old Dallas, Arkansas, for the period of August 19, 1859 to October 30, 1863. I have gleaned from those Minutes Masonic activities of my grandfather, Daniel Bluford Harrison, in the Dallas Lodge as follows:

1. As an entered apprentice Mason of Mine Creek Lodge, Sevier County, Arkansas, he was examined on August 19, 1859 by the Dallas Lodge, passed, and made a Fellow Craft Mason. On September 14, 1859 he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. On order of the Lodge the Worshipful Master appointed him Chaplain of the Lodge.
2. "On June 24, 1860 the Lodge members formed a line of march for the courthouse in the town of Dallas and marched from the Masonic Hall and heard a sermon by Brother Daniel B. Harrison on II Timothy, II Chapter 15 verse - 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.' The Minutes state that the sermon was a good one, practical and well received by the Craft.
3. On March 16, 1861, he was named as Secretary Pro Tem of the Dallas Lodge. He was elected Secretary July 5, 1862, and served until November, 1863.
4. On June 15, 1861, the Lodge voted again to celebrate the 24th day of June as the birthday of St. John the Baptist, and elected "Brother Daniel B. Harrison to deliver an oration on that occasion." On June 24, 1861, the Minutes say: "A procession was formed, and with musick in front, marched to the courthouse, the people of Dallas being seated, an oration was delivered by Rev. Daniel B. Harrison, adapted to the occasion."
5. My grandfather's brother-in-law, Jackson J. (John) Jopling, was made an entered apprentice Mason on May 3, became a Fellow Craft Mason on August 2 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 6, 1862.
6. A resolution was passed by the Lodge on June 7, 1862, again to celebrate the 24th day of June as the birthday of St. John the Baptist. My grandfather Harrison was elected for the third consecutive year to be the Grand Orator on that occasion. On June 24, 1862 the Lodge met for the appointed purpose. The Minutes say: "The members of said Lodge assembled in the Masonic Hall. Before the Lodge was opened, unfortunately for us, the floor of the Lodge gave way and fell with all the assembly, and bruised and crippled some twenty of the members, and defeated the whole thing." My grandmother Harrison was among the women who were waiting on the first floor of the Lodge Building for the line of march to be formed when the second floor fell. She died in October, 1863 from injuries received in that accident.
7. On October 3, 1862, Daniel B. Harrison was elected as a delegate to represent the Dallas Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State of Arkansas at its meeting in the City of Little Rock on the first Monday of November 1862. The Lodge voted the sum of \$50 to defray his expenses.
8. My grandfather retired as Secretary of the Lodge and was granted a demit at his request on October 30, 1863, anticipating his move to Red River County, Texas, at the end of his second term as County Judge May 31, 1864. Because of the intensity of the War Between the States, few meetings were held from October 1863 until May 1865.
9. I have a photostatic copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Dallas Lodge of May 3, 1862, in the handwriting of my grandfather, Daniel B. Harrison. In that meeting the Lodge voted "to see that a school be established and a competent teacher employed, said school to be taught in the church below the Masonic Hall." My grandfather's name appeared in his own handwriting as one of the trustees of the school. His handwriting was beautiful, his language excellent, and his spelling reasonably good.

My grandfather was a member in good standing of the Waldron Arkansas Lodge No. 132 A. F. & A. M. at the time of his death, May 30, 1875. As a member for 33 years of the Corsicana, Texas, Lodge A. F. & A. M., and as a 32° Scottish Rite Mason for the past 14 years, I am naturally proud of my grandfather's enviable Masonic record.

1790 ABBEVILLE COUNTY, S. C. CENSUS OF RACHEL HARRISON

In Abbeville, South Carolina, in 1790, the Census included a Rachel Harrison household listed as follows: 1 male over 16, one male under 16 and 1 female who, of course, was Rachel, but whose age range was not indicated.

1830 HARDIN COUNTY, TENN. CENSUS OF NATHANIEL HARRISON

In the 1830 Hardin County, Tennessee Census there was a Nathaniel Harrison whose family was listed as follows: 1 male under 5; 1 male 5 to 10; 1 male 10 to 15; 1 male 15 to 20; 1 male 40 to 50; 2 females under 5; 2 females 5 to 10; 1 female 10 to 15; 1 female 15 to 20, and 1 female 40 to 50.

1830 HARDIN COUNTY, TENN. CENSUS OF JIM HARRISON

The Hardin County, Tennessee Census of 1830 listed the family of a Jim Harrison as being 2 males under 5; 1 male 50 to 60; 1 female 5 to 10; 1 female 10 to 15, and 1 female 30 to 40.

1840 MAURY COUNTY, TENN. CENSUS OF THOMAS T. HARRISON

Thomas T. Harrison's family in the 1840 Maury County, Tennessee Census was as follows: 1 male 30 to 40; 1 female under 5; 1 female 5 to 10, and 1 female 20 to 30.

Comments: I listed the Abbeville County, South Carolina Census of Rachel Harrison, the Hardin County, Tennessee Census of the Nathaniel Harrison and Jim Harrison families and the Thomas T. Harrison family of Maury County, Tennessee, for speculative purposes only.

My first conjecture is that Rachel Harrison conceivably could have been the Revolutionary War widow of my great-great grandfather and the person for whom my great-aunt, Rachel Harrison (Mrs. David) Hawkins, was named. My great grandfather, Daniel R. Harrison was 10 to 15, probably 15 years of age, in 1790. He could have been the male in Rachel's Census of that year listed as under 16. John Harrison, who I think may have been Daniel R's brother, could have been the other male listed in Rachel's Census as over 16.

My second conjecture is that the Nathaniel Harrison and the Jim Harrison of the Hardin County, Tennessee Census of 1830 could have been, and I believe were, brothers of my great grandfather, Daniel R. Harrison, and possibly John Harrison, and the relatives for whom my great-uncles, Jimmy and Nathaniel, were named. The 1830 Jim and Nathaniel Harrison families to whom I have called attention were living in the same general neighborhood in which my great grandfather was living in Hardin County at that time.

My final conjecture is that the Thomas T. Harrison of the Maury County, Tennessee Census of 1840 could have been Thomas Taylor Harrison and he may have been known by the given name of Taylor. He could have been the Taylor Harrison of family tradition - if so, he was one of the 13 brothers and sisters of my grandfather, Reverend Daniel B. Harrison. The 1840 Census of Thomas T. Harrison lists his age as from 30 to 40.

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